

# SABR Minor League Newsletter

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## **McConnell Unavailable from Mid-July Until Late August**

Bob McConnell will be on his annual sojourn to the wilds of Nova Scotia and will be unavailable from mid-July until late August. If you have questions during this period please contact Reed Howard at the above e-mail address, or at 619 Mt. Lebanon Road, Wilmington DE 19803-1707; (302) 478-1004.

## **Members**

### **New Members:**

Gary Ashwill; 1209 North Duke Street, Durham NC 27701; e-mail: gna@duke.edu. Gary is particularly interested in the very early 19th Century minor leagues.

Stephen J. Davis; interested in the 1946-57 PCL, especially the Oakland Oaks. *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Los Angeles Times* available. Willing to help SOME.

John R. Husman; e-mail jhusman@buckeye-express.com; interested in J. Lee Richmond and the history and statistics of baseball in Toledo. Toledo newspapers available. Willing to help SOME.

Steven Lawrence; Steven's questionnaire has not yet been received.

### **New Addresses:**

Jack Carlson; same street address, new town; Beavercreek, OH 45431

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Don Lancaster; 215 Crest Ave., Belle Vernon, PA 15012-4205

Terry O'Neil; 607 Vista Bonita, Newport Beach, CA 92660-4537

Ron Selter; r.selter@worldnet.net

Bill Weiss; P. O. Box 5061, San Mateo, CA 94402

## **Miscellaneous**

Jerry Jackson has a question on how to account for franchises when all of the teams in a league play in only a few cities. The Arizona League had sites in places like Chandler, Peoria and Scottsdale, AZ. For the record do we credit these towns as having minor league franchises?

Jon Dunkle has a collection of box scores for Greensboro of the South Atlantic League for the 1980-83 period and he would like to get rid of them. Jon's address is 11 North Wynwyd Drive, Newark, DE 19711; or deldunk@yahoo.com.

Ron Selter is working on "less thans" for the 1935-38 Pacific Coast League. Bob Richardson, with help from Dick Thompson, has completed the 1902 and 1906 New England League stats, and is working on 1901, 1905 and 1907. Bob McConnell has compiled the extra base hits for the 1907 Texas League.

In doing the 1906 New England League, Bob Richardson found a player named Somerby Follanbee, and according to his obituary he is in the Basketball Hall Of Fame. Does anyone know any more about him?

SABR has Memphis under consideration as a site for a national convention several years down the road. The main attraction would be the Minor League Museum and Hall Of Fame. We are sure that this would attract many of our committee members.

## **Future Hall of Famers Who Were Teammates in Minors**

Our face is red! Stew Thornley and Bob Hoie have informed us that three members of the 1951 Minneapolis Millers; Willie Mays, Hoyt Wilhelm and Ray Dandridge; are in the Hall Of Fame. Bob Richardson points out that Tom McCarthy and Wilbert Robinson were teammates on the 1885 Haverhill club in the Eastern New England League, and manager Frank Selee is in the HOF as a manager. John Husman writes that Elmer Flick and Joe McCarthy were teammates on the 1911 Toledo club. Bob Hoie wrote that Home Run Baker and Jimmie Foxx played together for Easton, Eastern Shore League in 1924 - one home run hitter on the way up and the other on the way down.

From our list of those who might have played together: Jack Little points out that with Toledo in 1917, Dazzy Vance started the season. Roger Bresnahan was owner, manager, and sometimes played. On May 19 Vance started the game, while Bresnahan played third later in the game. Jack also tells us that Bill Terry, out of baseball since 1917, joined Toledo in mid May 1922 as a pitcher. Fred Lindstrom joined the team in July. July 22 was their first game together, with Terry pinch hitting. On August 19 they were both in the starting lineup, Terry's first game at 1b. Bill Weiss says that in 1960 for Tacoma Gaylord Perry appeared in one game, pitching in relief of the first game of the April 16 opening doubleheader. Juan Marichal pitched a complete game for Tacoma in the second game. Owen Ricker and Gord Brown both verified that Tony Lazzeri and Heinie Manush played at the same time for Toronto in 1939.

Bill Deane checked on Satchel Paige and Johnny Bench at Peninsula in 1966, and was disappointed to find that they did not play together. Bill thought he might have a great story - future Hall of Famers from a battery and they have an age difference of 41 years.

John Husman writes that 13 Hall Of Famers have Toledo connections. Bob Hoie says that Minneapolis has more Hall Of Famers than the St. Louis Browns, but he didn't supply any numbers. Jack Carlson pointed out an error on our original list; for Baltimore in 1923 it should be Lefty Grove, not Lefty George.

## **Forrest "Frosty" Kennedy**

Frosty's name has popped up several times in the newsletter regarding the story that he waited until the last at bat of his last game of the season before hitting his 60th homer. Frosty was an outstanding minor league hitter and his record in *The Minor League Register* credits him with ten seasons, starting with Riverside of the Sunset League in 1948.

Gary Fink has been compiling stats for "less thans" for the 1947 Sunset League. He found a player named Kennedy who pinch hit for Riverside in one game June 3. He passed this information on to Jim McConnell and asked him if this could be Frosty. Jim had interviewed Frosty a few years before his death and Frosty stated that he signed his first contract with the Pirates in late 1947. Gary then obtained a copy of Kennedy's contract record. The record shows that he signed his first contract with Riverside on June 3, 1947 and then was suspended on June 8. He signed another contract with Riverside in 1948. Thus, I think we can safely add a line to Frosty's record.

## **19th Century Internet Sub-Committee Proposal - by Reed Howard**

While compiling a roster of committee members as requested by SABR I was surprised to see that we have 90 members with internet addresses. I have communicated with a number of these members, one on one by e-mail, on the subject that interests me, 19th Century minor leagues and players. But there is a lot of untapped knowledge held by committee members. I propose that we organize a sub-committee of members on the internet who would like to exchange questions and information on the 19th Century minor leagues. I will be glad to host this sub-committee. If anyone would like to be an active member of this sub-committee please send me an e-mail message at rhoward@udel.edu.

I tried this idea out on a few members and received a positive response. We have exchanged two messages; John Husman's roster of 19th Century Toledo players, and Pete Morris' unraveling of the two Charles Householders. Highlights of this activity will be reported to all Minor League Committee members in the usual newsletter. And why stop here! Internet sub-committees can be formed on any subject of mutual interest. Let us know your proposals and we will publish them.

## **First Names Needed for 1906-1907 New England Leaguers - Bob Richardson**

### 1906:

Atz; Manchester c; Manhattan College  
Greene; New Bedford 3b, ss; Albany in 1905  
Ryan; Fall River of; Villanova College

Smythe; Lowell lhp; from Binghamton, NY  
Walker; Manchester p; Univ. of Chicago  
Walters; Haverhill lhp; from Virginia

### 1907:

J. Ashmore; Lowell 1b; Univ. of Illinois  
Cadiz; Haverhill ss; ex Baltimore  
A. J. Cleary; Fall River of; from Fulton, NY  
F. B. Clunn; Worcester p; from Milville, NY  
M. D. Cook; Lowell of; ex Michigan State Lg.  
Erickson; Worcester of; ex Logan Sq., Chicago

Fitzhenry; Haverhill of; ex Jersey City  
Frenchey; Haverhill ss; from Brooklyn  
Leonard; Worcester of; ex Montreal  
Maxwell; Worcester of; from Pottstown, PA  
E. Greenwell; Lowell p; from Wilmington DE or  
E. Liverpool, OH

## **Longtime IL Broadcasters Continue Talk - by John R. Husman**

Three International League radio broadcasters are continuing extraordinary longevity streaks this season. Frank Gilhooley of the Mud Hens first broadcast Toledo games in 1953, while his partner Jim Weber has never missed a game during his career that dates back to 1975. Howard Kellman first did play-by-play for the Indianapolis Indians in 1974, and has broadcast over 3600 games since.

Frank Gilhooley was hired from the Harlem Globetrotters where he was courtside announcer. After a crash course in announcing basics from Reds' announceWaite Hoyt, he broadcast Toledo Sox games beginning in 1953. Baseball left Toledo after the 1955 season, and did not return until 1965. When baseball came back, so did Gilhooley. He left radio again in 1970 to become Sports Director for a Toledo television station. After his "retirement" from television, Frank returned to the Toledo radio broadcast booth in 1987, where he remains.

Jim Weber began broadcasting Toledo Mud Hens games in 1975. The 2001 season marks Jim' s 27th. He broadcast a partial schedule for nine seasons, and began broadcasting all Hens games in 1984. He has never missed a game and had a consecutive-games-broadcast streak entering 2001 of 3118. Weber doubles as the Hens' traveling secretary.

Howard Kellman began broadcasting Indianapolis Indians games in 1974. Likewise, Kellman has never missed a game, though he was not with the Indians for all of 1975 and 1980. Since his return in 1981, Howard has built a consecutive-games-broadcast streak of 2940 that continues into the 2001 season. During his 25 years at Indianapolis he has broadcast eight championship seasons, topped only by Mel Allen' s 12 with the New York Yankees.

## **Filling Requests From Relatives of Ballplayers**

We get a number of requests from people who want the playing record of their father (uncle, grandfather, etc.) who played in the minors. Once in awhile, we are able to put together a playing record. Most of the time we come up blank. We try to let the correspondent down easy by explaining that their relative may have played in a league which did not publish averages, or they may have played in less than ten games in a league which did not include "less thans" in their published stats. This, of course, could be the actual case. When the correspondent says that their relative played in the majors, we have to let them down hard.

On the same general theme, David Riggs sent an obituary on Robert Wayne Johnson and a followup article in the *Newport News Daily Press*. According to the obituary, Johnson pitched for the Newport Baby Dodgers and then the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s. Johnson never played for Brooklyn. A local legend, not in the obituary, was that Johnson hooked up with Whitey Ford of Norfolk in the first game played in new Peninsula War Memorial Stadium in June, 1948. Johnson did pitch against Ford three days later in a ten inning game, with neither pitcher involved in the decision.

## **Gord Brown's Top 25 List of Unique Minor League Ballpark Names**

Mixed in amongst all of the "City Park"s and "Athletic Park"s we have ...

Hop Bitters Grounds - Rochester, NY; 1880s  
Sulphur Dell - Nashville, TN; 1890s-1960s  
The Grand Duchess - Fort Wayne, IN; 1900s-1930s  
Lucky Beavers Stadium - Portland, OR; 1900s-1950s  
Robal Park - Hannibal, MO; 1910s (labor spelled backwards)  
Spudder Park - Wichita Falls, TX; 1920s-1950s (also Wink, TX)  
Soldiers' Home Park - Danville, IL; 1920s-1930s  
Cannibals Park - Longview, TX; 1920s  
Lucky Strike Park - Reidsville, NC; 1930s-1940s  
Stockyards Park - Sioux City, IA; 1930s-1940s (always knew wind direction)  
Azalea Bowl - Palatka, FL; 1930s-1960s  
Venetian Gardens - Leesburg, FL; 1930s-1960s  
Ban Johnson Park - Hot Springs, AR; 1930s-1940s (first AL president)  
Montezuma Park - Williamson, WV; 1940s (revenge?)  
City Park-Helldorado Grounds - Las Vegas, NV; 1947  
Egyptian Field - Cairo, IL; 1940s  
Schepps Palms - Corpus Christi, TX; 1940s-1950s  
Sun Spot Ball Park - Robstown, TX; 1940-1950s  
Martires 1906 - Cananea, MX; 1950s  
Borah's Buckskin Field - Boise, ID; 1978  
4 Mile Run Park - Alexandria, VA; 1970s-1980s  
Bomber Bowl - Kennewick, WA; 1980s  
Knights Castle - Charlotte, NC; 1980s  
The Epicenter - Rancho Cucamonga, CA; 1990s (not official name)  
The Ranch - San Bernadino, CA; 1990s

To go along with the Wichita Falls entry, here are 4 other names that honor the local economy:

Ginners Park - Clarksdale, MS; 1937  
Shipbuilders Park - Newport News, VA; 1940s  
Peanut Stadium - Headland, AL/Suffolk, VA; 1940s-1950s  
Hereford Park - Ada, OK; 1940s-1950s

And Gord Brown' s 2 favorites? They would have to be:

Gordy Park - Salisbury, MD; 1930s-1940s  
Brown Street Park - Sydney Mines, NS; 1930s

### **Articles**

Dick Thompson has written a fourteen page article on John Pinder, a minor league player who was killed during the Normandy invasion and received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Dick made a presentation at a recent national convention on the subject. Jimmy Keenan has sent an article on Joe Cambria. Marc Okkonan has forwarded a two page article on Marsh Field, Muskegon, MI.

Write to Bob McConnell, or e-mail Reed Howard, if you wish a copy of any of these articles.

### **Grimes Fairy Tales**

Twins Ray and Roy Grimes played in the Eastern League in 1918, Ray with Bridgeport and Roy with Hartford. Hartford was not scheduled to play on the last day of the season, and agreed to release Roy to Bridgeport so the twins could play together in a season ending doubleheader. Ray batted fourth and Roy fifth in each game. They each got two hits with one of Roy' s going for a triple. Both later played in the majors, with Ray compiling a career batting average of .329 in six seasons.

## International league Hall Of Fame

Nathan Blackmon, assistant to the president of the International League, is bringing the International League Hall Of Fame (IL HOF) up to date. He writes as follows:

Below is a list of members of the IL HOF taken from the *1970 IL White Book*. The same list was found in the *1971-78 White Books*. Unfortunately, our records are limited prior to this set of books. An identical listing of names was found in *The Sporting News* guides from 1975-79. We are unsure as to whether the list is a complete list of players enshrined in the IL HOF. Hopefully, a SABR member can help us confirm this, or find additional members who should be recorded.

We are also interested in the history of the IL HOF. Some of the questions that we would like to have answered include:

Who started the Hall of Fame, and when?

How were players/executives elected? Was the media involved, or was it only club personnel who chose inductees?

What were the qualifications for enshrinement?

When and why did the IL HOF cease?

Were players given mementos recognizing their induction?

<u>Elected 1947</u> Frank McGowan Ollie Carnegie Dixie Walker Ben Sankey Charley Keller Billy Southworth Frank Shaughnessy Ernest J. Lanigan Steve O'Neill	<u>Elected 1951</u> Ed Onslow Rip Collins Al Mamaux  <u>Elected 1952</u> William J. Murray Jack Ogden George Wiltse  <u>Elected 1953</u> Estel Crabtree William J. Manley Fred Merkle  <u>Elected 1954</u> Joe Boley Fred Hutchinson Bill Kelly  <u>Elected 1955</u> John Berly Luke Hamlin Merwin Jacobson  <u>Elected 1956</u> George Earnshaw Joe McCarthy Jimmy Ripple	<u>Elected 1957</u> Bruno Betzel Ike Boone Rube Parnham  <u>Elected 1958</u> Jack Bentley George Selkirk Jimmy Walsh  <u>Elected 1959</u> Fritz Maisel Harry Smythe George Stallings  <u>Elected 1960</u> Howard Moss Glenn Nelson Jackie Robinson  <u>Elected 1961</u> Pat Powers  <u>Elected 1962</u> Joe Brown  <u>Elected 1963</u> Dick Porter
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### The Mysterious Luis Castro

Luis Castro is credited with being the first major league player to have been born in the country of Columbia. He broke in with the Philadelphia Athletics in April, 1902 and played in 42 games, mostly at second base.

Luis had an extensive minor league career from 1901 thru 1912 with stops at Norwich, New London, Baltimore, Kansas City, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, Augusta and Portsmouth (VA). He was the playing manager at Augusta in 1909 and at Portsmouth in 1912.

All of the encyclopedias, from the first edition of Thompson & Turkin thru the latest Total Baseball and Big Mac, list Castro' s place of birth as Columbia. In fact, Big Mac pinpoints the city Cartagena. 1877 is the agreed year of birth. Total Baseball lists the place of death as Venezuela.

One story has it that Luis was a nephew of Cipriano Castro, the ruthless dictator of Venezuela during the period that Luis was playing ball. This story was probably dreamed up by an enterprising sportswriter on a slow news day. However, the story has been around for many years.

Because Luis played a few games in the majors, he is a favorite target of the SABR Biographical Committee. For years, they have been trying to pin down his exact date and place of birth and his date and place of death.

Fast forward to the 1920' s. A group of twelve former baseball players met in 1924 in Los Angeles and determined that there was a need to take care of the less fortunate members of their profession. As a result of their meeting, the Association of Professional Ball Players of America was established. The Association provides financial assistance for those professional baseball players, coaches, umpires, scouts and clubhouse men who are in need. No distinction is made between the major league player and the minor leaguer. Membership in what is a unique fraternity is the defining factor. The Association has grown to over 11,000 current members. It has helped over one thousand ballplayers, players who are members of the Hall Of Fame and those who enjoyed only a brief career. The Association is financed by membership dues, donations, legacies and personal contributions. The Association is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Many great names in baseball have served on the board, among them Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Joe DiMaggio. Recent additions are Nolan Ryan and Tony Gwnn. Only the secretary and his administrative assistant are paid employees. Dick Beverage, one of our committee members, recently succeeded Chuck Stevens as secretary. The secretary basically runs the day to day operation of the organization. The Association maintains a card file on all of its members with information supplied by the members, except, of course, death data.

Carlos Bauer was recently at the Association office doing some research and he found some interesting information on Castro. He was a member and had been receiving assistance in his last years. His card supplied his birth data, However the death data only gave the year of death. Beverage became involved and he dug up a ledger which gave the date of death and the address to which the last assistance check had been mailed. Through the Biographical Committee, an obituary was found.

Louis (not the Spanish Luis) Manuel Castro was born in New York City on November 25, 1876 and he died on September 24, 1941 in Flushing, New York (Flushing is in the New York City borough of Queens).

So the mystery of Senor Castro has been solved, thanks to Mr. Bauer and Mr. Beverage.

Minor League Player Deaths reported through May 6 ,2001 - Issue #5

Compiled by Ray Nemec

Note: Complete obituaries of the following players plus players who appeared in the Major Leagues and others in pro-baseball appear in the **Blue Book**.

Player	Debut	DOD / POD	Informant
Ackerman, Lionel L.	1954	2/7/01 Reese, Michigan	Bill Carle
Andino, Javier	1968	1/6/01 Springfield, MA	Bill Carle
Andrews, Joseph C.	1950	1/1/01 New Bedford, MA	Dave Chase
Atkins, Ralph	1943	11/13/00 Los Angeles, CA	Bill Carle
Bush, Louis	1935	9/16/00 Greenfield, MA	Bill Carle
Card, Jack Wesley	1938	11/35/00 Ogden, Utah	Tony Szabelski
Clardy, Walter (Joe)	1948	2/22/01 Le Mesa, CA	Lefty Blasco
Cole, Brian K.	1998	3/31/01 Marianna, Ha.	John Royster
Cook, James Morris	1941	9/9/98 Augusta, GA	Bob Bailey
Corbi, Joseph N.	1930	3/27/03 Baltimore, MD	Jimmy Keenan
Daily, Gene P.	1948	4/8/01 Palm Lake Estates, FL	John Hall
Davis Jessie Ronald	1960	3/5/01 Birmingham, AL	Bill Weiss
DeCubellis, Stephen	140	11/18/01 Easton, MD	Norm Macht
DeForest, Russell F.	1935	4/15/00 Redding, CA	Al Quimby
Denney, William F.	1950	8/28/00 Scottsdale, AZ	Bill Weiss
Erickson, Burwin	1942	1/20/01 Buffalo, NY	Bill Cane
Fisher, Melvin L.	1946	2/3/01 Dundalk, MD	Jimmy Keenan
Gaskin, Joseph E.	1955	6/29/95 Salem, SC	Tony Szabelski
Greble, Steve	1939	10/29/96 Kansas City, MO	Ray Nemec
Hennessy, Bernard	1930	2/2/00 St. Ann, MO	Bill Carle
Hinton, Thomas R.	1947	1/28/01 Appleton, WI	Jim Holl
Hoffman, Harold L.	1951	8/31/00 So. Coffeyville, Okla.	John Hall
Howard, Arthur Forrest	1951	1/19/01 Braintree, MA	Dick Thompson
Johnson, Rudolph V.	1950	3/27/00 Augusta Georgia	Bob Bailey
Judd, Edward J.	1926	6/9/00 Fountain Hill, PA	Bob Bailey
Kies, Norman C.	1930	2/28/01 Sylvania, OH	John Husman
Langella, Ben	1951	3/3/01 San Francisco, CA	Bill Weiss
LeCompte (LeComte), Al	1934	3/4/90 Louisville, KY	Bob Bailey
Littlejohm, Carl E.	1926	5/29/72 Waco, Texas	Al Quimby
Lorenz, Louis A.	1936	1/29/01 San Francisco, CA	Bill Weiss
Lloyd, Tom (Truck)	1937	9/3/00 Thousand Palms, CA	Ray Nemec
Meyer, W. (Billy Ray)	1951	4/2/00 Augusta, GA	Bob Bailey
Muscovitch, John J.	1947	4/27/00 Allentown, PA	Bob Bailey
Nowak, Edmund J.	1935	10/1/92 Buffalo, NY	Bob Bailey
O' Brien Eugene	1942	4/9/01 Faribault, MN	Bill Cajole
Perez, Clifton J.	1941	2/6/01 Chalmette, LA	Art Schoti
Phillip, Andrew (Andy)	1947	4/28/01 Rancho Mirage, CA	Ray Nemec
Portner, Michael	1940	4/10/93 LaGrange, IL	Ray Nemec
Seber, Joseph	1946	5/26/00 Augusta, GA	Bob Bailey
Steadman, John p.	1945	1/1/01 Sevensville, MD	Jimmy Keenan
Strain, Odie C., Jr.	1940	3/22/00 Okemah, Okla.	Rich Topp
Strange, Charles R.	1957	2/5/01 Eugene, Oregon	Jamie Selko
Stricklett, Harry E.	1939	1/10/01 San Bernardino, CA	
Vincent, Albert L.	1928	12/14/00 Beaumont, TX	Tim Knight
Waugh, Robert F.	1939	3/31/01 Phoenix, AZ	Bill Carle
Williams, Marvin	1944	12/23/00 Conroe, TX	John Royster
Zoetenman, George	1948	3/11/01 Palos Height, IL	Tony Szabelski

### Minor League Baseball Stars, Volume IV

Candidates for inclusion in the proposed book were listed in the April and November, 2000 newsletters. Although the project is dead at this point, we are listing additional candidates as suggested by a few of our members. This list is for your general interest. The statistics were supplied by the members who submitted the candidates and they may be subject to revision. In several cases, the players names may be misspelled due to the fact that we had trouble reading the handwriting.

Adams, Charles "Red" 198 W	Galatzer, Milt 9 Yrs .324
Adkins, Grady 191 W	Gamble Lee 9 Yrs .328
Altman, Frank Long career, mostly NWL	Garibaldi, Art 1935 H
Altman, George 250 HR, incl Japan	Geary, Robert 193 W
Amaral, Dan 7 Yrs .335	Gettel, Allan 193 W
Andre, John 172 W	Gilbert, Walter 1900 H .314
Bailey, Brown 8 Yrs .330	Glazner, Charles 181 W
Barocco, Fred 8 Yrs .340	Gould, Albert 191 W
Bates, Hubert 1932 H	Griffin, Wes 1922 H
Beck, Walter "Boom Boom" 195 W	Gulley, Torn 10 Yrs .324
Biggs, Charles 2162 H	Halla, John 185 W
Bivin, Jim 188 W	Hammen, George 7 Yrs .348
Bliss, George .335	Hayes, Elmer 180 W
Bocen, Stew 192 W	Herring, Art 176 W
Bordagary, Frenchy 7 Yrs .342	Herring, William 184 W
Borich, Joe 9 Yrs .325	Higginbottam, Irving 190 W
Bouknight, Rich 11 Yrs .327	Hoblitzel, Dick 6 Yrs .322
Brown, Ralph 1892 H .310	Hoffstetter, William 9 Yrs .323
Butler, Art 2009 H	Hogsett, Eldon 185 W
Capps, William 1993 H	Holden, Dan Long career as plyr & mgr
Carmel, Duke 202 HR	Irby, W. J. 7 Yrs .321
Carrier, William 9 Yrs .331	Jacobs, Forrest 1914 H .300
Cartwright, Wally Lon career, PCL & NWL	Jacobs, Stuart 176 W
Childs, Delton 7 Yrs .336	Jameson, Don 10 Yrs .323
Coffey, Jack 2010 H	Jarlett, Al 193 W
Cole, Bert 188 W	Jennes, Tex 1954 H .317
Conlan, Jocko 1774 H .300 Maj lg ump	Jordan, Baxter 10 Yrs .321
Conroy, Mike 7 Yrs .331	Joyner, Everette 2041 H .306
Cooke, Dusty 9 Yrs .320	Kiefer, Joe 206 W
Cortazzo, John 1700+ H	Killilay, Jack Long career in PCL & NWL
Corriden, John "Red" 1915 H	Kimmick, Walter 8 Yrs .325
Creeden, Connie 7 Yrs .361	Kinnard, Buster 1890 H .302
Crews, D. F. 194 W	Knight, Elmer 216 W
Darrow, George 180 W	Kracher, Joe 1527 H .317 .433 in 1948
Davis, George 6 Yrs .322	Lawrence, Allen 1394 H .325
Davis, Hargrove 6 Yrs .347	Lawrence, William 1890 H
Dejan, Mike 10 Yrs .324	Lepler, Wade 8 Yrs .320
Denning, Granville 7 Yrs .329	Lien, Al 196 W
Donnelly, Blix 183 W	Logan, Bob 177 W
Douglas, Ken 188 W	Love, Ed "Slim" 187 W
Dunlap, J. Paul .320	Luke, Frank .323
Dunning, Guy 1840 H .318	Macon, Max Long career as plyr & mgr
Durham, James 189 W	Mallon, Les .320
Durham, Robert 187 W	Martin, Paul .329
Eldridge, James 5 Yrs .360	Mathews, Wid 1857 H .305
Enzmann, John 184 W	Nay, Herbert 201 W
Fanning, Charles 189 W	MccCure, James 188 W
Fischer, Carl 194 W	McGinley, James 181 W
Freese, George 1746 H 195 HR .300	Metzler, Al .328



Niley, Sam .327	Schemer, Mike .326
Miller, Abe 178 W	Schinkle, Adolph .525
Mills, James .325	Selph, Gary .323
Moore, Don .327	Shannon, Maurice 1812 H .305
Moore, John 2075 H .320	Speer, Floyd 190 W
Morgan, Ed 1907 H .310	Spiers, William 2489 H
Mosolf, James .320	Stanka, Joe 207 W, incl Japan
Mowry, Joe .324	Stanley, Matt 20 Yrs, mostly W Cst
Murphy, Frank .326	Steffen, Dewey 7 Yrs .321
Musser, Paul 186 W	Steinbacher, Henry 1986 H .303
Myers, Elmer 187 W	Stettler, Vern .329
Noyes, Win Almost 120 W in 1st 7 Yrs	Stewart, Walter 186W
Nugent, Tex 188 W	Stoyer, James 7 Yrs .345
Oldham, John "Red" 179 W	Strain, Odie, Sr. 1960 H .340
Osborne, Frank 1886 H .321	Sullivan, Carl .327
Osborne, Tom .328	Sullivan, Joe Pitched 20 Yrs, 5 Maj
Otey, Reggie 1993 H	Swansboro, Wilber 2007 H .306
Page, Vance 181 W	Swanson, Evar .326
Parker, Riley .338	Tanner, Chuck 1705 H .324
Parkes, Chant 191 W	Thomas, Max 188 W
Pascal, Robert .344	Thomas, Sam .329
Pate, Ralph 181 W	Thommahlen, Herb 208 W
Pecton, tiarv .331	Thrasher, Loren 7 Yrs .336
Perez, Jose .322	Tice, George 1974 H .317
Perez, Nanny 186 W	Tising, Jake 176 W
Perryman, Emmett 185 W	Topel, Harry 8 Yrs .332
Petty, Jess 178 W	Tozier, Bill 185 W
Pinkston, Roy .327	Treech, Eric 175 W
Pinter, Vernon 7 Yrs .335	Trexler, Floyd 7 Yrs .343
Pippen, Cotton 196 W	Triplet, Hooper 7 Yrs .326
Pratt, Derrill .320 Also maj lg	Tryon, John .325
Prince, James 8 Yrs .359	Tyler, Walt .352
Radabaugh, Ray 184 W	Unser, Al 1700÷ H
Radulovich, William .330	Vache, Gene 7 Yrs .329
Raymond, Frank Long career in NWL	Valla, Gene .323
Reis, Tom 182 W	Vanek, Ollie .322
Riley, Jim 1500+ H	Vanni, Eno 1825 H .319
Rodgers, Bill Long career in PCL	Vargas, Ramon .325
Rodgers, Tom 188 W	Verbott, Gene 186 W
Rodriguez, Leonardo 1785 H .322	Vick, Sammy .320
Rogge, Clinton :Frank" 186 W	Waddey, Frank 6 Yrs .332
Rudisill, Ray 7 Yrs .325	Welch, Ronald .324
Sanders, Roy 184 W	West, Stan 180 W
Sanders, Russ 6 Yrs .558	Wheaton, Elwood 1792 H
Santiago, Jose 176W	Williams, Stuart .341
Scaritt, Russ .322	Wingfield, Henry 8 Yrs .335

### Texas League Official Media Guide And Record Book

The 2001 edition of the Texas League Record Book is available to SABR members. See the July, 2000 committee newsletter for a description of the book. We will repeat our comment on last year' s edition - This is the most complete minor league record book that we have ever seen. The book is available for \$10.00, including shipping. Make checks payable to TEXAS LEAGUE and send to 2442 Facet Oak, San Antonio, TX 78232.

## Social Security Death Index

The Social Security Administration maintains a death index of everybody who has died while collecting Social Security payments. The index gives the exact date of birth, the month and year of death (in a few cases, the exact day is given), and the ZIP code of the person's residence at the time of death. A supplementary record gives a list of towns within the ZIP code.

One needs the exact date of birth in order to use the index unless the person being researched has a very unusual name. There are hundreds of John Brown's listed and the only way to pinpoint your man is with the date of birth. A number of players have shaved a year or two off their ages while playing. Thus, in these cases, you try to match the day and month and come within a couple of years for the date of birth. A person may not have died in the town of their residence. However, the local newspaper in all probability would have carried their obituary.

The following is a list of players found in the index. We are assuming that these are all players since their birth data matches. However, we can't be sure until an obituary has been checked. These were fairly good players and their playing careers were probably mentioned in the obituary.

We are asking all committee members to check their local paper for any players on the list from their area. Please record the place of birth, exact date and place of death, and anything relating to their baseball career.

Number in parenthesis after Date Of Birth is the year of birth that the player used during his playing career and it does not agree with the year in the index.

The town listed as residence may not be the actual town. In many cases, several towns are listed as being within a given ZIP code.

<b>Player</b>	<b>Playing Span</b>	<b>Date Of Birth</b>	<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>ZIP C</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Adair, Marion Danne	1935-56	2/10/11	4/11/88	42748	Larue, KY
Bryan, James IL	1926-39	2/4/04	9/7/72	37040	Clarksville, TN
Burns, Russell George	1940-56	6/17/18	12/?/80	67301	Independence, KS
Bynon, James Herbert	1947-54	7/7/21	4/?/91	85219	Apache Junction, AZ
Cearley, Wilbur Rawes	1939-54	7/12/19	12/15/94	77234	Houston, TX
Cox, S. N. "Molly"	1919-31	4/28/00	1/7/77	24333	Galax, VA
Cuitti, Arthur Edward	1949-58	5/24/27	4/29/76	94525	Contra Costa, CA
Cunningham, Maurice Patrick	1946-50	11/1/22	2/7/87	08610	Hamilton Tnsp, NJ
Davis, Yancy	1909-27	8/5/91	7/7/72	48201	Detroit, MI
DiMenna, Silvio	1946-51	9/27/25	4/7/78	10956	Rockland, NY
Dunn, Cecil Albert	1935-45	5/13/11	8/?/81	36748	Linden, AL
Dunn, Robert Raymond	1946-51	11/26/23	10/?/76	71483	Colgrade, LA
Felix, Calvin	1947-55	11/13/25	7/31/90	76103	Fort Worth, TX
Flood, Raymond Edward	1926-40	10/17/04 (07)	9/17/94	43130	Fairfield, OH
Garner, Horace T.	1951-61	7/17/23 (25)	7/6/95	52402	Cedar Rapids, IA
Grant, Charles Henry	1941-58	3/22/21	3/28/88	32446	Marianna, FL
Halter, Paul Casper	1947-55	6/30/22	1/24/87	97756	Eagle Crest, OR
Holloway, Ted Jack	1921-31	8/29/98 (99)	9/?/78	77901	Victoria, TX
Jones, Leroy Lucien	1924-41	10/2/03	8/?/71	39653	Meadville, MS
Kousagan, Peter	1941-54	7/1/22 (23)	3/25/98	44262	Summit, OH
Lahman, Calvin Edward	1931-39	5/30/12	10/3/85	95632	Sacramento, CA
Lewis, Herman	1951-59	7/20/24 (27)	4/28/98	98116	Seattle, WA
McCarty, Albert Robert	1938-54	8/16/18	11/7/77	77504	Pasadena, TX
Meriwether, Conklyn Wells	1939-54	6/19/18	8/15/96	33834	Bowling Green, FL
Morton, James Lewis	1946-59	9/4/20	5/?/96	73160	Oklahoma City, OK
Noyer, Robert Raymond	1944-54	7/3/25	4/10/97	48076	Oakland, MI
Neil, Albert Richard	1947-54	8/18/25 -	11/15/94	37205	Nashville, TN
Nesselrode, Orville Burlin	1939-48	7/30/15	3/?/81	27330	Sanford, NC
Newman, John Henry	1935-47	12/20/13	8/?/69	14701	Jamestown, NY
Orteig, Raymond Joseph	1939-58	12/20/19 (21)	12/23/93	98902	Yakima, WA
Payne, James Cecil	1929-49	4/9/08	5/?/83	27027	Rockingham, NC
Simononis, Alphonsus John	1939-51	12/1/19	1/16/95	18974	Warminster, PA

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Stack, Stanley Henry	1924-28	2/1/97	3/?/68	60071	Richmond, IL
Stevens, Malcolm Julius	1938-51	1/9/22	10/16/93	77550	Galveston, TX
Stokes, James Donald	1942-56	7/13/21	2/1/96	42256	Logan, KY
Stone, John Lewis	1938-52	5/18/18	7/7/93	79720	Big Spring, TX
Traylor, Robert Woodrow	1934-46	11/17/12 (13)	10/?/77	24541	Danville, VA
Wieczorek, Chester Joseph	1936-47	4/14/15	7/?/80	54622	Buffalo City, WI
Wilcox, Ralph Lee	1951-57	10/15/29	10/?/81	95705	Bijou, CA
Yordy, Harold	1920-31	1/30/96	2/?/87	17268	Franklin, PA
Hutson, Eulas D.	1947-58	2/6/26 (27)	7/7/93	55105	St. Paul, MN

### Barrera sets home run record

Nelson Barrera, player-manager of Oaxaca, hit his 454th career home run in the Mexican League on May 31. This topped Hector Espino' s long standing record of 453. FoBarrera, who does not play regularly, it was his eighth homer of the season. Barrera has also hit 2 home runs in the American Association and 22 in the Mexican Center League to give him a total of 478 in the minor leagues. He is closing in on Espino' s minor league record of 484. Espino hit 3 in the International League and 26 in the Mexican Center League.

Thanks to Bill Weiss for supplying the information on Barrera' s 2001 exploits. Information on the present Mexican League season is hard to come by.

The Mexican League career home run record is almost twice as much as it is for any other minor league. The explanation is fairly simple - players spend most, or all, of their careers in the one league. Barrera is in his 25th year in the league, Espino was in the league for 23 years, and a number of players were 20 year men. Additionally, with the high altitudes in many cities, the Mexican League is a "hitters league".

The following table lists the career leaders in all other leagues with a total of 200+.

279	North Carolina State	Norman Small (336)
276	American Association	Bunny Brief (342)
270	West Texas-New Mexico	Gordon Nell (365)
260	Big State	Dean Stafford (277)
258	International	Ollie Carnegie (297)
251	Pacific Coast	Buzz Arlett (432)
223	Texas	Paul Easterling (257)
221	Longhorn	Joe Bauman (337)
201	Midwest	Moe Hill (263)
200	California	Dick Wilson (285)

Number in parenthesis indicates the total minor league home runs hit during career. Brief hit 5 home runs in the majors, Arlett hit 16 and Fastening hit 4. The others did not play in the majors.

### Internet Sites of Interest

Stew Thornley' s web site for the old Minneapolis Millers\$<http://www.tc.umn.edu/~thorn017/millers.html>. Bill McMahon, with help from a few committee members, continues his work on farm clubs. He has established a web site: <http://uakron.edu/~mcmahon>. There is a web site on early Ohio leagues: <http://sites.netscape.net/jimhughey/rhp/ohiosfirst>.

## **Books**

Carlos Bauer has just put out a book with the long title, *Sporting News Statistics Not Found in Baseball Guides, 1923-1942*. The title tells it all. There are 30 leagues included, none for all of the years covered. There are a limited number of copies available at \$25, including postage. Write to Carlos at 6315 Mercer Street, San Diego, CA 92122.

Carlos has also produced another book, but not for sale, titled, *The Coast League Domesday Book, 1903-1957*. This is part of an overall work that Carlos is doing on the Pacific Coast League. It presents in alphabetical order all PCL players from 1903 thru 1957 and it includes full name, date and place of birth, date and place of death (if applicable), debut in PCL, bats, throws, height, weight. The title requires an explanation. In 1086, King William I of England ordered the first known complete census. An encyclopedia describes the result as "unsurpassed in medieval history for thoroughness" and it was titled *Domesday Book*.

## **These Guys Really Earned Their Day's Pay**

A baseball fan, Paul Hayes, recently contacted Ray Nemeck and stated that his grandfather had pitched a no-hitter and won the game, 1-0, with a home run. He wanted to know if anyone else had ever accomplished this feat. Ray, with help from John Pardon, checked this out.

Orvin Hayes of Flint pitched a no-hitter against Bay City in a Michigan-Ontario League game on June 18, 1920, and won the game 1-0 on his homer. This was the second known time that the feat had been accomplished. The first was by Bill Luyser of Rocky Mount against Raleigh in an Eastern Carolina League game on July 30, 1909. Of more recent vintage, Doyle Lade earned his keep on July 30, 1942 for Shreveport against San Antonio in a Texas League game. Lade played for the Chicago Cubs for five years after World War II, winning 25 games.