

**SABR**  
**Biographical Research Committee**  
**March/April 2009 Report**  
©2009 Society for American Baseball Research  
Author: Bill Carle, Bbxper@aol.com

## Billy Redmond

It's always tough to locate players who played in the 1870s, but Peter Morris was able to find Billy Redmond, who debuted with the St. Louis Reds in 1875. Peter found an article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of April 12, 1876 that "Redmond, the famous short stop, committed matrimony last night, and is as happy as a clam at high tide." Peter was then able to locate a marriage record in St. Louis of William T. Redmund and Mary McCann on April 10, 1876. The 1880 census shows William Redmond, wife Mary Ann, with daughters Laura, 3, and Mary, 2 months. The city directories show William T. Redmond (with various spellings of his last name) listed as a bricklayer from 1879 through 1894. In the 1895 city directory, Mary appears as the widow of William T. Peter was then able to find the death record for William Redmond, bricklayer, who died in St. Louis April 3, 1894. Obviously, this is our missing player. Even though we have some great finds this month, I am making Redmond the *Find of the Month* as it is almost impossible to track down a National Association player.

## Stephen Ladew

Stephen Ladew played two games for Kansas City of the American Association in 1889. He was from St. Louis and in 1890 and 1891 played for Ottumwa, Iowa. In 1891 he played for Ottumwa, while at the same time working for the railroad. Bruce Allardice located a Ladew family researcher who said that Stephen Ladew married Mary Nevin in Ottumwa and had a daughter Ophelia. Ophelia, born circa 1894, married on Raymond D. Utecht, who evidently abandoned Ophelia and their son. The family knew Stephen was a ballplayer and lived in Ottumwa, working for the railroad.

According to the 1900 census of Wapello Co., IA (Ottumwa), p. 68, Ophelia Ladew (indexed as "Laden"), born April 1892 of parents born MO and Eng, is living with her parents, John Moffitt, born April 1875 IA, a carpenter, and Mary, born May 1870 England, married 4 years, 2 kids, one living. From this it is apparent that Mary is Mary Nevin, and that Stephen probably died between 1891 and 1896, when Mary remarried John Moffitt. Mary came to the US in 1890, so Stephen must have married her around 1891.

That gave us a pretty good window of time when he probably died. In 2006, Peter Morris found a possible candidate in Stephen Ladue, who died January 10, 1895 in Trenton, Missouri of typhoid fever. Other than the similar name and the right time frame, there was nothing linking this man to our missing ballplayer. Recently, Peter was able to check the Trenton Evening Republican newspaper and found the following articles, giving us the proof we needed.

**Trenton Evening Republican, January 10, 1895**, "Steve Ladue, a fireman of the Rock Island railway company, died at his home in the east part of town, at 6 o'clock this morning, after an illness of about two months of typhoid fever. Mr. Ladue has resided in Trenton only about a year. He is a member of the B. of L. F., which order will take charge of his remains and on Saturday morning will provide an escort to take them to St. Louis, where the mother and sister of the deceased reside."

**Trenton Evening Republican, January 11, 1895**, "The remains of Mr. Stephen Ladue, who died at his home on Harris avenue, on Thursday morning, will be taken to the Rock Island depot at 6 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and at 6:25 will be started to St. Louis, via Wabash Crossing. In addition to the family the remains will be accompanied to St. Louis by A. B. Rogerson, a member of the B. of L. F., of which order deceased was also a member. The deceased was a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and

enjoyed the respect of his employers and fellow employees on the railroad. He will be remembered by our readers as the pitcher for the Trenton ball club, last summer, and did good work for the club in that position. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his early death."

**Trenton Morning Tribune, January 11, 1895**, "Fireman Stephen Ladew died at his home in College addition Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock. He had been sick about a month of typhoid fever. Just before taking sick Fireman Ladew was on engine 827 when it ran over the burning bridge in Happy Hollow, where Engineer Stewart and a brakeman jumped. This probably had nothing to do with Mr. Ladew's sickness, but there are those who think it did. The deceased leaves a wife and one child. Mr. Ladew, who was a good pitcher and a fine ball player, was well known over Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. The remains will be taken to St. Louis Saturday for interment, Mr. Ladew's mother and sister living there."

It took a while, but we finally got the proof. Great work by Peter and Bruce.

## **Billy McLaughlin**

Billy McLaughlin was one of the many missing ballplayers that played for the Washington Union Association club in 1884. Unlike most of his teammates, we actually had a few notes to help identify him. He was definitely from California and became a police officer in Sacramento after he left baseball. A note in Sporting Life from 12/17/1884 said that he was living on his family's ranch in Florin, California. Florin is in San Joaquin Township just south of Sacramento. The family appears in the 1870 census in San Joaquin Township and we see that Billy is the son of John and Bridget McLaughlin. His brother Nicholas, also a ballplayer, is shown as well. Clearly, this is the correct family.

His family appears in Sacramento in the 1880 and 1900 census. Billy appears in the Sacramento city directories as a policeman from 1887-1893 at which point he vanishes. Peter found a note in the San Francisco Chronicle of 1907 that Billy McLaughlin had moved to Washington and was playing ball in Tacoma in the 1890s. The 1900 Washington census has Billy living in Marysville with wife Philena. In 1910, he is living in Artondale with Philena and his brother Nicholas. In 1920, he is in Tacoma with Philena and his daughter Helen. Philena McLaughlin, husband of William, died November 23, 1925 in Tacoma. Her obituary mentions 9 children, among them Mrs. Frank Maloney of Gig Harbor. William McLaughlin died March 21, 1936 in Gig Harbor. The informant on the death certificate was Frank Maloney. Clearly, this is our missing player. Good work by all involved.

## **Red Connally**

Since we found three missing players, we may need some new ones to find. Enter Red Connally. We listed John "Red" Connally as playing 2 games for St. Louis on July 1 and July 6, 1886. We had a death for him of March 2, 1896 in New York City. Richard Malatzky looked up the obituary in the New York Clipper and found that this was actually John M. Connell, a former National League umpire. Furthermore, John M. Connell was umpiring in Kansas City during the time the ballplayer was playing for St. Louis. The Philadelphia Inquirer said that the player was a St. Louis amateur. Now we just need to figure out who he is. It sounds like he needs to be our *Mystery of the Month*.

## **Joe Nuxhall's Record is Safe**

We had listed Fred Chapman as pitching one game for Philadelphia in 1887. And whoop-de-doo, we had complete birth and death information on him. The only thing that was somewhat disturbing is that Fred was only 14 years old when he made his lone major league appearance. He must have

looked pretty mature for his age because none of the papers mentioned that he was unusually young. Richard Malatzky has discovered that was because Fred Chapman didn't pitch that game. Philadelphia had signed the pitcher from the Reading club. Richard researched Sporting Life and discovered that Frank Chapman was the pitcher for Reading. Hopefully by the next newsletter, we'll be able to track him down.

## Jack Dougherty

Once again we lost one of our committee members. Jack Dougherty passed away recently at the age of 92. Due to health issues, Jack hadn't been very active in the committee in recent years, but Jack was an outstanding baseball researcher and found several Philadelphia and Baltimore players. In his younger days, Jack was a professional trumpet player with the Clyde McCoy orchestra.

## Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June.

May 5	Lennie Merullo	92
May 13	Lonnie Goldstein	91
May 17	Ace Parker	97
May 20	Stan Benjamin	95
May 22	Otey Clark	94
May 28	Steve Nagy	90
May 29	Bill Burich	91
May 29	Al Brancato	90
June 5	Eddie Joost	93
June 8	Arthur Mahan	96
June 14	Hal Manders	92

## Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	17152	52	99.698
Births	16617	587	96.588
Assumed Alive	8377		48.692
Deaths	8561	266	49.762
Bats	15952	1136	93.352
Throws	16174	914	94.651
Heights	16315	773	95.476
Weights	16272	816	95.225
Debut Dates	17204	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9984	7220	58.033
Total			92.3794

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
2008	Adenhardt, Nicholas James	D: <u>Apr 9 2009 Orange, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Greenlawn Memorial Park,</u> <u>Williamsport, Maryland</u> Source: <u>mlb.com</u>	(C1)
1914	Baker, Delmer David	D: <u>Olmos Park, Texas</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(R4)
1951	Blake, Edward James	D: <u>Apr 15 2009 Swansea, Illinois</u> Cemetery: <u>Mount Carmel Cemetery,</u> <u>Belleville, Illinois</u> Source: <u>Belleville News-Democrat</u>	(C1)
1955	Blanchard, John Edwin	D: <u>Mar 25 2009 Robbinsdale, Minnesota</u> Cemetery: <u>Fort Snelling National Cemetery,</u> <u>Minneapolis, Minnesota</u> Source: <u>Minneapolis Star-Tribune</u>	(R4)
1922	Blankenship, Theodore	Cemetery: <u>Westview Cemetery, Atoka,</u> <u>Oklahoma</u> Source: <u>Cemetery</u>	(W4)
1948	Brucker, Earle Francis, Jr.	D: <u>Mar 28 2009 El Cajon, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery,</u> <u>San Diego, California</u> Source: <u>San Diego Union</u>	(C1)
1884	Burns, Patrick	Name: <u>John E. Burns</u> B: <u>Feb 1861 Brooklyn, New York</u> Height: <u>5-05.5</u> Weight: <u>148</u> Source: <u>NY Clipper, Brooklyn city directory, 1900 census</u>	(M3)
1887	Chapman, Frederick Joseph	Name: <u>Frank Chapman</u> Eliminate birth and death information Source: <u>Sporting Life</u>	(M3)
1930	Chatham, Charles L.	Name: <u>Charles Lorenzo Chatham</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(R4)
1977	Chevez, Silvio Antonio	B: <u>Jun 20 1953</u> Source: <u>Tony Chevez</u>	(C1)
1886	Connally, John M.	Eliminate birth and death information. Info belongs to a non-playing umpire. Source: <u>New York Clipper</u>	(M3)
1936	Corbett, Eugene Louis	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by</u> <u>family</u> Source: <u>Funeral home</u>	(V1)
1911	Dale, Emmett Eugene	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(C1)
1872	Doyle, Jacob Dixon	D: <u>Lake Bluff, Illinois</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(M4)
2005	Duncan, Christopher	Name: <u>Christopher Edwin Duncan</u>	(V1)

	Edward	<b>Source: St. Louis Cardinals</b>	
1976	Fidrych, Mark Steven	D: <u>Apr 13 2009 Northborough, Massachusetts</u> <b>Source: mlb.com</b>	(R4)
1951	Flowers, Bennett	D: <u>Feb 18 2009 Wilson, North Carolina</u> Cemetery: <u>Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, North Carolina</u> <b>Source: Funeral home</b>	(C1)
1939	Franks, Herman Louis	D: <u>Mar 30 2009 Salt Lake City, Utah</u> <b>Source: San Francisco Chronicle</b>	(V1)
1920	Fried, Arthur Edwin	D: <u>Oct 9 1970</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1921	Fuhr, Oscar Lawrence	D: <u>Mar 29 1975</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1899	Gray, George Edward	<u>BR</u> <b>Source: Sporting Life</b>	(H2)
1996	Guerrero, Vladimir	B: <u>Feb 9 1975</u> <b>Source: LA Angels</b>	(C1)
1930	Gullic, Tedd Jasper	Cemetery: <u>Howell County Memorial Park Cemetery, Pomona, Missouri</u> <b>Source: Cemetery</b>	(W4)
1936	Gutteridge, Donald Joseph	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u> <b>Source: Funeral home</b>	(W4)
1913	Haislip, James Clifton	D: <u>Jan 26 1970</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1946	Handley, Eugene Louis	D: <u>Apr 12 2009 Tucson, Arizona</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u> <b>Source: Family</b>	(CL)
1940	Harris, Maurice Charles	Cemetery: <u>Naples Memorial Gardens, Naples, Florida</u> <b>Source: Cemetery</b>	(R4)
1895	Hewitt, Charles Jacob	D: <u>May 15 1959</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1915	Hill, Herbert Lee	D: <u>Sep 2 1970</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1903	Hill, Hunter Benjamin	D: <u>Feb 21 1959</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1879	Hotaling, Peter James	D: <u>Jul 2 1928</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1884	Hutchison, William Forrest	Name: <u>William Forrest Hutchinson</u> <b>Source: Yale, 1860 census</b>	(C1)
1911	Jackson, George Christopher	D: <u>Nov 26 1972</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1967	Jackson, Reginald Martinez	B: <u>Abington, Pennsylvania</u> <b>Source: reggiejackson.com</b>	(N4)
1954	Jacobs, Robert Forrest Vandergriff	Name: <u>Forrest Vandergriff Jacobs</u> <b>Source: Son</b>	(H9)
1924	Johnston, Wilfred Ivy	D: <u>May 15 1959</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1943	Kell, George Clyde	D: <u>Mar 24 2009 Swifton, Arkansas</u> Cemetery: <u>Swifton Cemetery, Swifton, Arkansas</u> <b>Source: Funeral home</b>	(C1)
1914	Kraft, Clarence Otto	D: <u>Mar 25 1958</u>	(R4)

		<b>Source: Death certificate</b>	
1889	Ladew, Stephen F.	B: <u>1863</u> D: <u>Jan 10 1895 Trenton, Missouri</u> Cemetery: <u>Mount Olive Cemetery, Lemay, Missouri</u> <b>Source: Trenton Evening Republican, death record</b>	(M4)
1945	Lockman, Carroll Walter	D: <u>Mar 17 2009 Scottsdale, Phoenix</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated, inurned at Paradise Memorial Gardens, Scottsdale, Arizona</u> <b>Source: Funeral home</b>	(R4)
1947	Lohrke, Jack Wayne	D: <u>Apr 29 2009 San Jose, California</u> <b>Source: San Jose Mercury News</b>	(L6)
1897	Martin, Frank Joseph	B: <u>Denver, Colorado</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(M4)
1928	Martin, Johnny Leonard Roosevelt	Cemetery: <u>Quinton Cemetery, Quinton, Oklahoma</u> <b>Source: Cemetery</b>	(W4)
1912	McDonald, Charles C.	D: <u>Mar 30 1943</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1932	McLarney, Arthur James	B: <u>Port Townsend, Washington</u> Cemetery: <u>Laurel Grove Cemetery, Port Townsend, Washington</u> <b>Source: Nephew</b>	(H9)
1884	McLaughlin, William	B: <u>Jul 3 1861 Sacramento County, California</u> D: <u>Mar 21 1936 Gig Harbor, Washington</u> Cemetery: <u>Artondale Cemetery, Gig Harbor, Washington</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(C1)
1887	McMullen, George	Name: <u>James McMullin</u> <b>Source: Sporting Life</b>	(M3)
1889	Meek, Frank J.	Weight: <u>170</u> <b>Source: St. Louis Globe Democrat</b>	(M4)
1937	Meyer, Lambert Daniel	Cemetery: <u>Mansfield Cemetery, Mansfield, Texas</u> <b>Source: Cemetery</b>	(W4)
1909	Moore, Eugene, Sr.	D: <u>Aug 30 1938</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1934	Oana, Henry Kawaihoa	B: <u>Jan 22 1910</u> <b>Source: 1920 census, marriage certificate, death certificate</b>	(C1)
1975	Pactwa, Joseph Martin	D: <u>Mar 10 2009 Hutchins, Texas</u> <b>Source: Brother</b>	(CL)
1884	Pinkney, George Burton	<u>BL</u> <b>Source: Photo</b>	(P1)
1900	Poole, Edward Isaih	D: <u>Mar 11 1920</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1871	Radcliffe, John Y.	Name: <u>John Young Radcliff</u> B: <u>Jun 29 1848</u> <b>Source: Ancestry World Connect</b>	(M3)
1875	Redmond, William T.	B: <u>1863 St. Louis, Missouri</u> D: <u>Apr 3 1894 St. Louis, Missouri</u> Cemetery: <u>St. Matthew Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri</u> <b>Source: St. Louis Globe Democrat, death record</b>	(M4)
1896	Reidy, William Joseph	D: <u>Lakewood, Ohio</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)

1929	Rhiel, William Joseph	D: <u>Warren, Ohio</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1973	Rodriguez, Eduardo (Reyes)	D: <u>Mar 6 2009 Barceloneta, Puerto Rico</u> Cemetery: <u>Cementerio Viejo de Barceloneta, Barceloneta, Puerto Rico</u> <b>Source: El Nuevo Dia</b>	(R4)
1938	Roe, Elwin Charles	Cemetery: <u>Howell County Memorial Park Cemetery, Pomona, Missouri</u> <b>Source: Cemetery</b>	(W4)
1950	Scherbarth, Robert Elmer	D: <u>Jan 31 2009 Presque Isle, Wisconsin</u> <b>Source: Vilas County News-Review</b>	(H9)
1906	Schmidt, Charles	B: <u>London, Arkansas</u> <b>Source: Great-nephew</b>	(N4)
1916	Schmidt, Walter Joseph	B: <u>London, Arkansas</u> <b>Source: Grandson</b>	(N4)
1998	Simmons, Brian Lee	B: <u>Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania</u> <b>Source: Parents</b>	(H9)
1910	Skeels, David	Name: <u>David L. Skeels</u> <b>Source: Washington death index</b>	(M3)
1916	Smith, Earl Leonard	D: <u>Mar 13 1943</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1919	Snover, Colonel Lester	Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn National Cemetery, Elmira, New York</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1891	Spurney, Edward Frederick	D: <u>Oct 11 1932</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1943	Stanky, Edward Raymond	B: <u>Sep 3 1915</u> <b>Source: Son</b>	(RC)
1886	Stephens, Clarence Wright	D: <u>Feb 28 1947</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1926	Sukeforth, Clyde Leroy	Debut: <u>May 31 1926</u> <b>Source: Box scores</b>	(V1)
1897	Swaim, John Hillary	Cemetery: <u>Greenwood Cemetery, Eustis, Florida</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1946	Tepsic, Joseph John	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u> <b>Source: Funeral home</b>	(L5)
1912	Thomas, Chester David	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1940	Tramback, Steven Joseph	D: <u>Albany, New York</u> Cemetery: <u>Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie, New York</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1908	Tuckey, Thomas Henry	Cemetery: <u>Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, New York</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1890	Van Dyke, William Jennings	D: <u>May 17 1933</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1902	Vorhees, Henry Bert	D: <u>Massillon, Ohio</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1915	Wagner, Joseph Bernard	Cemetery: <u>Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, New York</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1912	Wallace, Harry Clinton	D: <u>Jul 9 1951</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)

1934	Ward, Richard O.	Cemetery: <u>Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Washington</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1905	Washer, William	Cemetery: <u>Glendale Cemetery, Akron, Ohio</u> <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1883	Weihe, John Garibaldi	D: Apr <u>16</u> 1914 <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)
1945	Weingartner, Elmer William	D: <u>Mar 15 2009</u> Elyria, Ohio Cemetery: <u>Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio</u> <b>Source: Funeral home</b>	(C1)
1911	Welchonce, Harry Monroe	Cemetery: <u>Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, Colorado</u> <b>Source: Cemetery</b>	(R4)
1952	Wolfe, Edward Anthony	B: Jan 2 <u>1929</u> D: <u>Mar 8 2009</u> Modesto, California Cemetery: <u>Oak Hill Memorial Park, Escondido, California</u> <b>Source: Brother</b>	(C1)
1909	Wright, William Simmons	D: Jul <u>8</u> 1941 <b>Source: Death certificate</b>	(R4)