

2022 SABR Annual Report Appendix 2: Committee Reports

Asian Baseball Committee

The SABR Asian Baseball Committee (ABC) remained active and productive in the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic. The committee grew to 125 members (a 15% increase from 108 in 2019/2020).

Committee leadership expanded to include Shane Barclay (Vice-Chair), owner of JapanBall.com, and Coop Daley (Secretary), a student at Northwestern and writer with JapanBall.com. Their participation helped to increase the committee's focus on present-day baseball in Asia and expanded the content available to members through JapanBall's active slate of events (virtual & live) and timely and relevant articles.

Last year, the ABC community published a newsletter, participated in 14 events, 25 articles (authored or featured), and eight (8) SABR publication opportunities, including the SABR Editorial Board-approved volume *Baseball's Bridge Across the Pacific: U.S. Tours of Japan 1906-2019*, to be published in the fall of 2022 to coincide with the 150th anniversary of U.S.-Japan baseball relations (1872-2002).

Committee members are also collaborating with the L.A. Dodgers to develop an exhibit on Japanese American baseball for the 2022 MLB All-Star game. For more details on the activities of the SABR Asian Baseball Committee, visit <https://bit.ly/SABR-ABC-2022>.

— **Bill Staples Jr., Shane Barclay, Coop Daley**

Ballparks Committee

Our semi-annual Ballparks newsletters went out, the last one being the December 2021 issue.

Addendum to *Green Cathedrals V* and ongoing maintenance for *Green Cathedrals VI* continues to be active.

The committee has an ongoing "Minor League Ballparks" project (mainly accessing old guides for information systematically by league and year) but that project is on hold and desperately needs a leader who will move it forward.

A group project (probably a book project although not required to be) that might bring in multiple contributors is on the table. Bill Nowlin suggested something like "Ballparks of the

WPA" as an example. We are looking for additional ideas before we decide on something and recruit volunteers.

The committee Facebook page has been a success. There are now 6,461 SABR Ballparks Facebook page members.

On Twitter, the SABR Ballparks account has 1,948 followers. In May, we've had 2,111 profile visits.

A proposed project, in conjunction with the SABR Pictorial Committee, centers around gathering and cataloging or indexing ballpark photos.

— **Kevin Johnson and Ron Selter**

Baseball and The Arts Committee

While the COVID-19 pandemic prevented any in-person meetings since June 2019, the Baseball and the Arts Committee published the September 2020, Issue Number 2 of *Turnstyle*. Our intention had been to publish Issue Number 3 by the summer of 2021, in time for the 50th SABR Convention in Baltimore. However, due to COVID and editorial challenges, *Turnstyle 3* is now set for publication in the summer of 2022. We recognize the efforts of Cecilia Tan, SABR Publications Editor, for her support and guidance in publishing *Turnstyle* issues; and we are pleased to welcome Meredith Evans, whose stellar editorial skills have contributed to the publication of *Turnstyle 3*. We congratulate all contributors and thank them for their patience during a challenging time.

With continued positive support from SABR staff and members, we are pleased that submissions for *Turnstyle 4*, to be published in 2023, are already being received. A request for submissions will be issued by the fall of 2022. We encourage all SABR members and friends to acquire, and enjoy, copies of each edition of *Turnstyle*.

Ongoing discussions between Committee members and others have led to possible topics for consideration at the August 2022 SABR convention in Baltimore. which include and certainly not limited to:

- Discuss creation of subcommittees for the following:
 - Newsletter
 - Investigate the possibility of engaging school age children in discussions of baseball and the arts, including requests for submissions to *Turnstyle*? Collaborate with SABR's Educational Resources Committee and its Student Affiliate Group?

- Citing the Facebook presence of other SABR committees including Baseball Arts, Iconography Research Committee, reassess the “mission” and social media presence of the Baseball and the Arts Research Committee.
- Review, compile, and present on screenwriters/screenplays? (e.g., collaboration with the Arizona Screenwriters Association).
- Compile indices of poetry, movies, plays, songs, etc.
- Identify players engaged in the arts.
- Presentations of brief theatrical, literary, musical, and comic performances at the SABR convention and other venues.

The Baseball and Arts Research Committee remains committed to the research, discussion and sharing of art, in its many aspects, with SABR at the national level, with SABR chapters and members, and with other communities.

— **Joanne Hulbert and Jay Hurd**

Baseball Landmarks Committee

Launched in January 2022, the Baseball Landmarks Committee is endeavoring to compile the most complete and accurate list of baseball-related sites across North America and beyond. This comprehensive list of sites includes: active ballparks (for levels of play from summer college wood bat leagues to the Major Leagues); historic ballparks; statues; historical markers; museums; gravesites; and a host of other places worth a visit.

Following an introductory Zoom meeting on January 25, 2022, nearly fifty committee members volunteered to help confirm location data from the initial list and suggest appropriate missing sites. The committee’s efforts, in conjunction with approval from SABR national and the Board of Directors, has allowed the committee to create the SABR Baseball Map, which will be introduced to all SABR members during the summer of 2022.

— **John Racanelli, Chris Kamka, Mark Armour**

Baseball Records Committee

The Baseball Records Committee was created in 1975 to help reconcile differences and pursue a greater degree of accuracy in baseball's “historical record.” The word “record,” as we use it, has two meanings. We use it in the sense that some player, or some team, has the most or least of something for an inning, or a game, or a season, etc. For example, Red Schoendienst holds the Major League record for most doubles in three consecutive games, with 6.

We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Baltimore's Scott McGregor allowed 34 home runs in 1985; or Jim Viox had 24 triples in his major league career. Both aspects of baseball's historical record are of equal importance to us, and we are as diligent with regard to accuracy for the "unknown" players as we are for the Hall of Famers.

Beginning with our formation, committee members have contributed countless corrections, additions, and deletions to the record books. Over the past few years the major source of these changes have come from the work done by the volunteers at *Retrosheet*. Our ultimate goal of finding all the errors in the historic record, or at least achieving a full reconciliation of differences among all the record books and encyclopedias, remains unlikely; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap. Our role as SABR's Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

In 2021 news: the Records Committee was unable to hold its annual meeting because the SABR Convention was canceled. I expect this year's Records Committee meeting will be well attended with two interesting presentations already lined up.

An issue of considerable debate was how to count stats from the Negro Leagues, at least those leagues and years for which there is a consensus of major-league-quality play. MLB itself has formed a committee to decide whether to incorporate the stats from those leagues with the existing stats from the NL, AL, and other recognized major leagues; and, if so, how to do so. Because some major leaguers played in both the NL/AL and the Negro Leagues, certain players' career stats would change (e.g., Hank Aaron would gain some base hits), and season records would also be affected because the shorter Negro League seasons, combined with inconsistent playing quality, sometimes resulted in especially unusual statistics (e.g., Josh Gibson batting well above .400 in a particular season of less than 100 league games). An even more practical problem is that Negro League statistics are still being collected and combined, often changing as more materials are found. And there are no known official day-by-day stats to use as a starting point. The Records Committee decided to wait and see how MLB ultimately decides to address these issues.

The Committee newsletter has continued its quarterly publication format, still containing the usual interesting lists and recent research that have filled its pages for many years.

— **Trent McCotter**

Biographical Research Committee

It has been a very slow year when it comes to tracking down missing ballplayers. All of the easy ones have been found, and the ones that are left are very difficult to find. We have quite a few we think we may have found, but we don't have the smoking gun we need to prove it.

We did find William Stein, who played one game in the American Association in 1890. Hal King was a recent player, who we had heard passed away, but had never been able to verify his death. We were able to finally pin that down.

The 1950 census came out this year and we thought that might lead to his finding some more missing players, but so far that has not borne any fruit. We did have some publicity when Tim Hagerty had an article about our committee published in *Baseball Digest* magazine. Perhaps at some point, that might lead to someone providing us with a clue. More resources are coming online all the time, so hopefully something will materialize that leads to some missing players.

— **Bill Carle**

Black Sox Scandal Committee

For the third consecutive year, the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee continued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of a major event in “baseball's darkest hour.”

In 2021, the committee produced a special chapter on the Black Sox criminal trial for the SABR Century's [1921 Year in Review](#) web project, which also included sections on Babe Ruth's record-setting 59 home runs and the New York Yankees' rise to dominance; their all-New York City matchup in the World Series with the rival Giants of John McGraw; the Negro National League's second season of play; the start of the Lively Ball Era; and the first commercial radio broadcast of a major-league game.

As part of the Summer of SABR virtual event, authors Bill Lamb, Bruce Allardice, and Don Zminda participated in a virtual panel discussion on August 14, 2021, about the 100th anniversary of the Black Sox criminal trial. The panel was moderated by committee chair Jacob Pomrenke.

One week later, on August 21, SABR's Emil Rothe Chicago Chapter hosted a panel with Pomrenke, Lamb, author Willie Steele, and moderator Sharon Hamilton to talk about the Field of Dreams game and the aftermath of the Black Sox Scandal.

The committee has also published two newsletters with a number of interesting and informative articles.

In the December 2021 newsletter, Peter J. Wilt discovered the exact location of pitcher Lefty Williams's unmarked grave in California, while David Lippman explored a family connection to Arnold Rothstein and the Black Sox Scandal. Bill Lamb reviewed the late Eliot Asinof's book *1919: A Loss of Innocence*. A 1963 interview by Chicago radio host Studs Terkel with Eliot Asinof was newly digitized, a signed Joe Jackson photo sold at auction for \$1.47 million, the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum began a literacy campaign in South Carolina, and MLB's first Field of Dreams Game in Iowa delivered a Hollywood ending.

The upcoming June 2022 newsletter will include stories by Jacob Pomrenke on football pioneer Kenny Washington and his high school teammate, the son of Black Sox infielder Fred McMullin; a student-led presentation on the Black Sox Scandal by Gary Mintz's class; 1950 Census records for the Black Sox and other players; a newly discovered interview with Joe Jackson's mother, Martha; and more articles.

— **Jacob Pomrenke**

Business of Baseball Committee

In the past year the Business of Baseball Committee published two issues of its newsletter, *Outside the Lines*. Each issue contained abstracts of related research published in academic journals, and articles on team biographies and significant off-the-field events from 100 years ago. Andy McCue continues to oversee the franchise biography project, which added several new biographies. Last year the project scope was expanded to include defunct franchises as well as franchises of the Negro Leagues and All American Girls Professional Baseball League.

The committee also continued its efforts to catalog the front office personnel for all years for all franchises. The major league baseball employee database project is coming along nicely thanks to many volunteers. To date we have completed roughly 1,500 team-seasons. We are currently in the queue with SABR's computer/database expert and hope to have a beta version of a more formal database by late summer.

— **Michael Hauptert and Dan Levitt**

Century Research Committee

SABR's [Century Research Committee](#) was approved for formation by SABR's Board in June 2020. This SABR committee provides a research hub for SABR research and activities to memorialize the anniversaries of important milestones in baseball history. Although the Century

Committee is designed to primarily focus on 100th anniversary events, its work encompasses other significant anniversaries — e.g. 25th, 50th, 75th — as well.

Committee Membership count: 70 members (*per directory search conducted May 8, 2022*)

In the period from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022, members and friends of the SABR Century Research Committee contributed to the following activities:

Century Research Committee Website

In June 2021 the Century Committee made its committee website at sabrcentury.wordpress.com available for the first time to members. Its first posted content was tied to the 100th anniversaries of 1921 baseball events. The Century Committee website was designed, and posted, owing to the hard work of Allison Levin.

The main goal of the Century Committee is to inspire research and celebrations of important baseball milestones and to serve as a kind of research hub, with contributions being made by other research committees, as well by the members. Starting out, it was unclear what sort of response we might have to a request for articles on baseball in 1921 to mark the 100th anniversary of those events.

By June 2021, the Century Committee had received 115 articles that had passed through the editorial process, and were placed in the committee dropbox for posting on the Century Committee website. In June 2021, those articles had been posted on the website.

The first thing we did was to solicit and appoint 24 “team captains” – a different one for each of the 24 teams in the National League, American League, and Negro National League. Their task was to write up “year in review” essays on the 1921 season for the team they selected. How did your favorite team of that era do in 1921? We also asked each team captain to select 3-5 games from 1921 that stood out and could be candidates for game writeups. The team captains were the key to the whole early effort. With the unveiling of the website, we can finally see the work the team captains did – the 24 year-in-review articles.

We then tried to solicit writers to take on writing up the games the captains selected. These were all to be written to Games Project specs, since one of the goals of the Century Committee is to work with other committees and help inspire more material for them. John Fredland, the chair of Games Project, has been unbelievably supportive and, once the games started flowing in, he took the initiative to shepherd them through the Games Project process. He prioritized April games, then May games, then June games – so we could get them up – whenever possible – by the 100th anniversary of the game in question.

As of June 2021, 60 SABR members from a variety of committees had taken on writing up 1921 articles and now see their work made available on the Century Committee website.

The Century Committee website presents material generated by members of several other research committees. These committees had already engaged with the Century Committee at the time the first iteration of the Committee website was posted in June 2021:

Asian Baseball

Ballparks

Baseball and the Arts

Baseball Cards

Baseball and the Media

Business of Baseball

Games and Simulations (work presented at SABR 50@50)

Games Project

Minor Leagues

Negro Leagues (in collaboration with Games & Simulations)

Statistical Analysis

Umpires and Rules

To already have more than a dozen other research committees offering material – much of which was already on the Century Committee website when it went live in June – represented a terrific start toward what the SABR Board of Directors had indicated it hoped for during the discussion about establishing the committee.

SABR Century 1921 Year-in-Review web project

The 1921 Year in Review web project at sabr.org/century/1921 tells the story about a milestone year in baseball history 100 years after it took place. The 1921 season was a pivotal one in baseball history. In this web project, SABR's Century Committee invited SABR members and SABR.org website visitors to join us on a journey back in time to learn more about baseball during the Jazz Age, with stories, games, and highlights with contributions from more than 70 SABR members.

In 1921, led by Babe Ruth's record-setting 59 home runs, the New York Yankees began establishing a dynasty that would span most of the twentieth century by winning their first American League pennant, setting up an epic all-New York City matchup in the World Series with the rival Giants of John McGraw. The Negro National League celebrated its second season of play in 1921, led by stars like Triple Crown winner Oscar Charleston and two-way phenom Bullet Rogan. And baseball at all levels saw a growing trend toward home run-happy offenses as the game entered the Lively Ball Era.

This web project shows how the sport also became more widely accessible in the early 1920s to fans who were able to follow along from their homes by tuning in to games on the radio. Finally, American culture still reverberates with the ruling made by baseball's newly hired commissioner, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, banning eight disgraced Black Sox players for life after they were caught fixing the 1919 World Series.

This website was a notable SABR achievement. In September 2021, in his monthly report to the Board of Directors, Scott Bush said this Century Research Committee effort had led to an all-time high in monthly unique visitors and monthly page views in August on the SABR.org website.

In July 2021, Games Project Chair John Fredland provided the following kind assessment regarding how the existence of the Century Research Committee and its centennial focus on baseball in 1921 had contributed to Games Project research and prioritization of its efforts. He referred in his emailed comments to the “Impacts of the 1921 Project.” John Fredland wrote:

“Here are a couple of ways that the 1921 effort is showing up in SABR's library: First, 1921 is has the deepest presence among the Games Project's articles from the 1920s, at this page and the next few:

<https://sabr.org/gamesproj/category/decade/1920s/page/2/>

Also, we've really made a difference in the overall collection of Negro League articles:

<https://sabr.org/gamesproj/game-category/negro-leagues/>”

To this he added:

“I like how the NNL articles a) make accessible information from sources (like the Defender) that aren't necessarily easily available and b) provide a record of Black baseball that doesn't necessarily depend on it being a championship, all-star game, interracial exhibition, or a game involving someone on the level of Gibson/Paige/Bell/Charleston (although Charleston is involved in some of this year's articles). They focus on the NNL as a league, and I think that's their most valuable contribution to the world of baseball writing and research.”

Note: as of May 13, 2022, John Fredland notes there are now 124 articles as part of the Games Project on games (AL, NL, NNL, postseason, minor league, exhibition) from 1921.

Century Committee Special Zoom Panel Presentations

August 14, 2021: SABR's Century Committee presents its research on baseball 100 years ago and memorializes the anniversaries of important milestones. We'll look at the Negro National League in its infancy in 1921, along with baseball's first radio broadcast, Babe Ruth and the Yankees' rise to dominance, and the 100th anniversary of the Black Sox trial. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmX-UjrSzrE>

Schedule:

— 3:00-4:00 p.m.: **The Lively Ball Era**, with **Donna L. Halper**, **Steve Steinberg**, **John Fredland**, and moderator **Sharon Hamilton**

— 4:00-5:00 p.m.: **The Black Sox Trial**, with **Bill Lamb**, **Don Zminda**, **Bruce Allardice**, and moderator **Jacob Pomrenke**

— 5:00-6:00 p.m.: **1921 New York Giants vs. Chicago American Giants: A Simulation**, with **Phil S. Dixon**, **Ted Knorr**, **John Odell**, and moderator **Sharon Hamilton** (See [John Fredland's summary](#) of the simulated 1921 World Series)

August 21, 2021: Eight Men Out: Centennial Panel on the Aftermath of the Black Sox Criminal Trial: In collaboration with SABR Chicago Emil Rothe Chapter, SABR's Century Committee's special Zoom panel designed specifically for Chicago's Emil Rothe Chapter. Dr. Sharon Hamilton, chair of SABR's Century Committee, [will lead a panel discussion](#) highlighting the aftermath of the Chicago Black Sox criminal trial. Dr. Hamilton will be joined by Jacob Pomrenke, Bill Lamb, Dan Levitt, and Willie Steele. Topics will include discussion of the trial and verdict, the trial's aftermath, post-trial dinner with jury and players, Commissioner Landis' appointment and banning of the eight players, and a discussion of W.P. Kinsella's "Shoeless Joe" and "Field of Dreams."

Jackie 75: Baseball's Re-Integration web project

Seventy-five years ago, on April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson trotted out to first base at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn as the first Black man to appear in the all-White major leagues in the twentieth century. In his memoir, *I Never Had It Made*, Robinson wrote, "I never expected the walls to come tumbling down in my lifetime." At SABR.org, [Jackie Robinson 75: Baseball's Re-Integration](#), edited by SABR Century Committee chair Sharon Hamilton, dives into the SABR Research Collection archives and draws on the contributions of more than 85 SABR authors and historians to tell the story of Robinson's complicated, never guaranteed, journey as a civil rights pioneer on and off the field.

The re-integration of baseball was not an easy process. This project puts Robinson's accomplishment into context by taking a look back to the Reconstruction Era of the nineteenth century, when the promise of a fully integrated baseball world briefly existed. This webproject tells the stories of baseball's great Black players who starred in both the major and minor leagues in the 1870s and 1880s, and examines how professional baseball ended up with a color line in the

first place. It also takes a look at the pivotal roles played by influential Black pioneers to fight for equality, from baseball executives Rube Foster and Sol White to sports writers Wendell Smith, Sam Lacy, and Fay Young — all of whom helped pave the way for Robinson nearly six decades later.

This historical background sets the stage for an in-depth look at the beginnings of Robinson’s professional baseball career and his path from being a star shortstop with the Kansas City Monarchs to his signing with the Dodgers in 1945. The project moves on to Robinson’s integration of the minor leagues with the Montreal Royals in 1946 before exploring his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 — a year filled with trials and triumphs.

Finally, this project celebrates the integration pioneers who came after Robinson, as the rest of the teams in the American and National Leagues signed Black players over the ensuing years. Those other integration pioneers never had it made either, and this project aims to pay homage to all of these heroes of America’s national pastime.

What’s Next?

Baseball and the Supreme Court web project — to launch Summer 2022: This web-based project will focus on the [The Federal Baseball Club v. National League](#) decision of 1922 and [Flood v. Kuhn](#) of 1972. The former effectively granted baseball its controversial antitrust exemption. The latter represented Curt Flood’s courageous challenge to this exemption and the infamous reserve clause that effectively bound a player to his team for as long as the team wanted him. The site will showcase previous SABR publications such as Justice Alito’s SABR article on [the baseball antitrust exemption](#) and the SABR 50@50 panel recording on [Baseball Labor Relations](#) along with five or six new SABR research articles on topics such as the legacy and relevance of these trials on the sport today, and on free agency, labor history in the sport, and the eventual [signing of the Curt Flood Act of 1998](#).

— **Sharon Hamilton and Bill Nowlin**

Collegiate Baseball Committee

With the cancellation of SABR 50 in both 2020 and then again in 2021, three years will have passed before having a Collegiate Baseball Committee meeting when meeting in August of 2022.

As of June 1, 2022, new files have been created for a total of 1,412 college programs an increase of 110 over June 1 2021. The breakdown by category:

Category	2022	2021	2020	2019
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Sr. College active	765	723	691	660
Jr. College active	515	471	429	336
Sr. College inactive	86	65	59	58
Jr. College inactive	46	43	38	35
TOTAL	1,412	1,302	1,217	1,089

Over the past 2 years a concerted effort has undertaken to create files on all active junior college programs, particularly at the Division III level. With the completion of the 2021 season, all junior colleges with an active program have a file.

The only newsletter is awaiting final edit for distribution. An editor has been selected to assist in timely distribution of newsletters.

The “necrology” of former collegiate baseball coaches who passed away continues in each newsletter, as does the annual list of collegiate players making their Major League debut each season.

— **Karl Green**

Games Project Committee

The SABR Baseball Games Project was formed in 2014 to research, write, and publish accounts of regular season, postseason, and All-Star major-league games, along with other games of historical significance from Black baseball, minor leagues, exhibition play, or amateur or international competition. Posted articles complement Retrosheet and Baseball-Reference box scores, as well as SABR Bio Project essays on players, ballparks, and other figures involved.

As of May 27, 2022, the Games Project has completed 3,788 game essays, including articles contributed by individual SABR members or authored for SABR book projects. Of that total, 3,492 essays are posted on the [Games Project website](#), representing an increase of 730 posted essays in the past 12 months.

John Fredland has served as committee chair since October 2020. Steve Weiner maintains a spreadsheet to manage article assignments, track work from assignment to publication, and provide a historical record of Games Project writing. Bruce Slutsky leads the fact-checking team, and Len Levin handles all copy-editing.

Games Project authors assist Jacob Pomrenke, SABR Director of Editorial Content, in posting completed articles to the Games Project website. Many Games Project authors also support the fact-checking team. Experienced authors provide coaching and assistance to other members.

The Games Project contributes to SABR's baseball research mission in two major areas. First, the Games Project provides SABR members a forum for writing about games and matters of individual interest. Subjects covered in articles posted in 2022 include [Bud Fowler's debut in Organized Baseball in 1878](#); [whether a National League pitcher took a no-hitter into the 10th inning in a 1904 game](#); [the first-ever Red Sox game broadcast on Boston radio in 1926](#), [a 17-inning All-American Girls Professional Baseball League pitchers' duel from 1949](#), [the 1982 Mets-Expos game whose *New York Times* story appears on the cover of Billy Joel's *Nylon Curtain* album](#), and [a wild Venezuela-Italy game from the 2017 World Baseball Classic](#).

The Games Project also contributes articles to other SABR initiatives. In addition to regularly providing game articles for SABR publications, this is the second year in a row that the Games Project's research and writing has appeared in a Century Committee web-based initiative. In 2021 the Games Project supported the celebration of the 1921 season's centennial with articles on significant games from that year. This year, we contributed articles to the committee's initiative on the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut with the Dodgers, including articles on [the debut games for the "integration pioneers" from every other team](#).

The Games Project has also developed smaller online initiatives, enabling SABR to celebrate the various highlights of baseball's calendar and showcase existing SABR writing. In 2022 the Games Project's third annual Opening Day project included [16 new articles on Opening Day games from 1893 to 2021](#), while also allowing SABR to highlight existing articles on the strike-delayed beginning of the 1972 season. Other recent online initiatives have highlighted All-Star Games, Hall of Fame inductees, and the 1986 Mets.

Jacob Pomrenke provided page views of our ten most viewed articles for the 2021 calendar year. They were:

10. [August 24, 1919: Ray Caldwell Struck By Lightning](#) (3416 views)

- Author: Chad Osborne. Posted January 12, 2017.

- #2 on 2020 "Most Viewed" list

9. [July 4, 1939: Lou Gehrig Day](#) (3520 views)

- Author: Paul Hoffmann. Posted November 30, 2020.

- Originally published in SABR's Babe Ruth book.

8. [August 16, 1920: Ray Chapman Suffers Fatal Injury](#) (3750 views)
 - Author: Joseph Wancho. Posted December 4, 2018.
 - #4 on 2020 "Most Viewed" list

7. [September 1, 1971: Pirates Field First All Black Lineup](#) (4623 views)
 - Author: Rich Puerzer. Posted February 3, 2019.
 - Originally published in SABR's Pittsburgh Pirates book.

6. [September 6, 1976: Steve Yeager Suffers Near-Fatal Accident](#) (4637 views)
 - Author: Frederick C. Bush. Posted July 12, 2018.
 - #9 on 2020 "Most Viewed" list

5. [September 25, 2001: Yankees Return To Yankee Stadium After 9/11](#) (5230 views)
 - Author: Alan Cohen. Posted July 23, 2020.
 - Published as part of First Games Back project.

4. [May 25, 1935: Babe Ruth Hits Final Three Home Runs Of Career](#) (5424 views)
 - Author: Jack Zerby. Posted May 5, 2014.
 - #1 on 2020 "Most Viewed" list

3. [July 2, 1963: Marichal Outduels Spahn In 16-Inning Thriller](#) (5524 views)
 - Author: Lou Hernandez. Posted August 29, 2014.
 - #3 on 2020 "Most Viewed" list

2. [August 7, 1982: Jim Rice Saves Child's Life](#) (7710 views)
 - Author: Chuck McGill. Posted September 30, 2014

1. [May 8-9, 1984: White Sox, Brewers Play 25 Innings](#) (10,204 views)
 - Author: Ken Carrano. Posted 10/29/2020.
 - Originally published in SABR's Comiskey Park book.

Games Project pages represent about 11.7 percent of overall traffic at SABR.org, with over 512,000 total page views in 2020. In comparison, there were 484,000 page views in 2019.

— **John Fredland**

Nineteenth Century Committee

The Nineteenth Century Committee held its last annual business meeting virtually on June 29, 2021, at what would have been SABR's Annual Convention (also held virtually) and we will meet again, live, during SABR 50 in Baltimore on August 17-21, 2022.

Our research committee has continued to publish its regular quarterly newsletter, *Nineteenth Century Notes*, since Fall 2007 in a timely manner thanks to Co-Chair / Editor, Bob Bailey. Our summer 2022 issue of our newsletter will be published in early July, prior to our 2022 annual business meeting.

During this time of little opportunity for in-person gatherings and other travel difficulties (due to the Covid-19 pandemic) we have deliberatively tried to keep committee activities going and added events that allow members to remain involved in committee work. In addition to holding regular activities via Zoom, we have added programs and communications that continue to keep our members active.

In summer 2021, Bob Bailey became the "official" Co-Chair, with Peter Mancuso, of this committee, a more accurate description of the collaboration between them dating back to 2007, when Peter took on the role of Chairman and Bob agreed to be his Vice Chairman / Newsletter Editor.

On April 29-30, 2022, the committee organized our 13th annual Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, which took place live at its traditional venue, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY. "The Fred" hosted 63 registrants & guests, although 70 persons were originally registered.

Our committee's fifth city-specific symposium, the Brooklyn (NY) 19th Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium, was held virtually on Saturday, November 13, 2021, with an optional virtual tour of historic baseball sites in Brooklyn on Sunday, November 14. We had postponed a live symposium at St. Francis College in Brooklyn due to the pandemic's uncertainty.

Our virtual 2021 Brooklyn Symposium featured: Welcoming Remarks from MLB's Official Historian and Nineteenth Century Committee co-founder, John Thorn; a Keynote Address by Dr. Thomas Campanella, (a Brooklyn native and resident) historian, author and Professor of Urban Design at Cornell University, on Brooklyn's 19th century economic, cultural and geographic development; a Panel Discussion addressing the question, "Was Brooklyn the Actual Birthplace of Baseball?;" and four Research Presentations focused on Brooklyn's 19th century baseball history. Committee member Tom Gilbert spearheaded this symposium, including producing and narrating its virtual tour which was a pre-recorded video with a live Zoom Q&A segment.

Our sixth city/region-specific symposium, the Southern New England 19th Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium, is scheduled for November 12, 2022. We will begin registering attendees with the publication of our committee's summer newsletter. Thanks to the efforts of

Lajoie-Start / Southern New England Chapter members Bob Cvornyek and Doug Stark, Chapter Chair Len Levin and the generosity of Rhode Island College in Providence and its Department of History Chair, Elisa Miller, both for an outstanding program and wonderful venue that has been secured for the Saturday event. The summer newsletter will contain complete Symposium Program and Schedule details and how to register online.

Thanks to Co-Chairs Adam Darowski and Joe Williams and the Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends Project Committee, we completed our 14th annual Overlooked Legends Primary Elections in February 2022, which in turn produced 12 finalists for a SABR-wide election this June. Among the 12 finalist there were equal numbers of 19th century players, pioneers, managers, executives or umpires, and early African-American figures. The full 2022 Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend election results will be announced at SABR 50 in August. Last year's Overlooked Legend, Charlie Bennett, was announced at our 2021 Annual Committee Business Meeting. Our 2020 selection, Bud Fowler, has been voted for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in July of this year.

Our 19th Century Baseball Grave Marker Project Committee undertook its seventh marker dedication in November 2021, under its new Chair, Sam Gazdziak, a highly successful and well attended event at the previously unmarked grave of Ned Williamson in Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. Williamson holds the 19th-century record of 27 HRs in a season. Sam is already at work on his second marker dedication to replace a badly deteriorated stone on the grave of Bobby Mathews, a perennial 19th Century Overlooked Legend candidate who is buried in Baltimore. That marker should be dedicated before year's end. This project is also working with local SABR Chapters to lend support to their own 19c unmarked baseball gravesites.

Our annual Nineteenth Century Committee Co-Chair's Award was presented during our 2021 Annual Business Meeting to Jim Gates, Librarian Emeritus of the Giamatti Library at the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum in Cooperstown. Jim was our event's coordinator at the HOF for the annual Ivor-Campbell Conference and has helped guide and build "The Fred" since its inception in 2009. He also accepted our invitation, despite his recent his retirement, to be our Special Presenter at our virtual "Fred" conference in 2021. We are also thankful to Jim for mentoring the very capable Cassidy Lent to be his replacement as Giamatti Librarian at the HOF. Jim received an engraved reproduction 1880s vintage Burlingame model bat. Our 2022 Co-Chair Award recipient(s) will be announced at our Annual Business Meeting this August.

The 19cBB Speakers Series, a monthly virtual event created and administered by Bob Bailey on Zoom, is about to enter its third season beginning in September 2022. The project includes nine monthly Research Presentations by committee members on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom. All SABR members who log into the Zoom Meetings will continue to hear and see a different 19th century research presentation of up to 50 minutes in duration. Between 35 and 80 people participated in each session to date. The full Season III schedule, with presenters and topics, will be announced in our summer newsletter.

The second of our two newest Nineteenth Century Committee activities is a research and resources project, the Orem Citation Project, chaired by Bob LeMoine, which got under way in March 2021. The project came into existence after an independent project by two committee members, John Thorn and Bob Bailey, completed the first ever digital publication of Preston Orem's *1882-1891 Annual Supplements of Baseball According to the Newspapers*. LeMoine realized, as did the editors who digitized the supplements and others, that like Orem's original publication, *Baseball by the Newspaper Accounts, 1845-1881*, the supplements contained few citations. LeMoine continues to lead a small contingent of committee members to search out and publish a companion digital publication of citations to Orem's Supplements, also for SABR's Research Resources collection.

Finally, 2022 "Fred" attendees made modest contributions to the Baseball Hall of Fame's Our Museum in Action project to digitize 19th-century baseball images and preserve other artifacts. Eighteen images of 19th-century teams representing Providence, Rhode Island, have been designated as a gift from Alma Ivor-Campbell in memory of her late husband, Frederick Ivor-Campbell, the namesake of our annual conference. The balance of the donations, which were passed on to the HOF, will be applied to digitizing other 19th-century baseball images in the HOF's archives.

Thanks to all our committee members; SABR's staff: Scott Bush, Scott Carter, Jacob Pomrenke, and Jessica Smyth; SABR Board President Mark Armour and Board of Directors, who helped our committee through this past year's undertakings "... because baseball history is not only baseball history.

— **Peter Mancuso and Bob Bailey**

Official Scoring Committee

The primary goal of the Official Scoring Committee is to document the history and evolution of scoring rules and changes in them; the history of who has done the scoring; stories about official scoring and noteworthy incidents like no-hitters and batting championships in which official scorers have been involved; the history of the rights of teams and players to appeal a scoring decision; and more.

The committee has been less active recently, although it continues to compile articles and examples related to official scoring and serve as a repository for them.

— **Stew Thornley**

