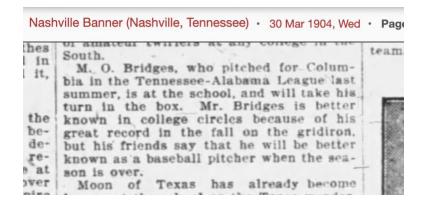
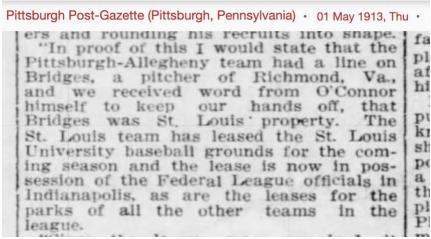
Ken Bridges pitched one game, on May 6, before being released May 8. He subsequently pitched in Pittsburgh and Syracuse in 1913. I think he was actually Marvin Bridges

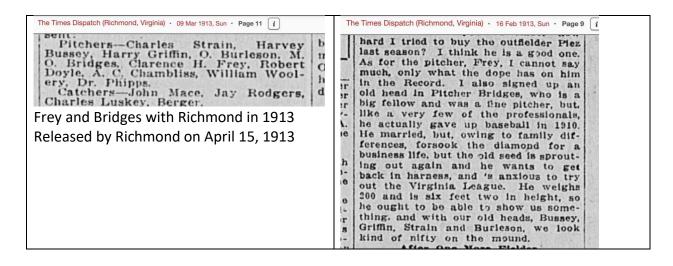


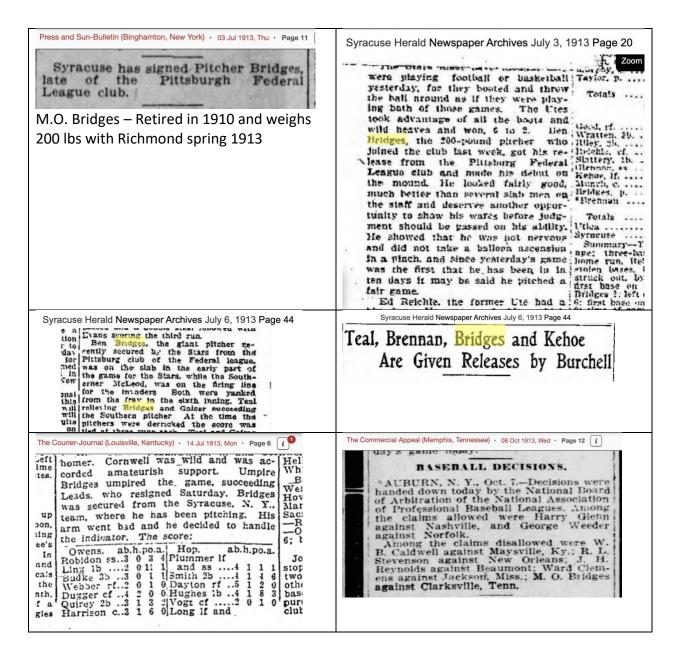
Marvin Bridges





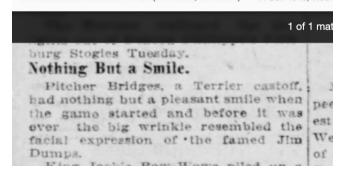
Connection between Bridges of Richmond and St. Louis in 1913





## There's the connection from St Louis to Pittsburgh

The St. Louis Star and Times (St. Louis, Missouri) • 11 Jun 1913, Wed



Fate was unkind to Pitcher Bridges of the Pittsburg Filipinos, in the game with the St. Louis Federals Tuesday. con Probably no pitcher received a worse the drubbing, and while he was being beat om bee en, 17-5, a telegram was awaiting him of telling of the death of his father in ny wei m. Collins, N. Y. yea nd The game had just started when the temessage arrived at the park. It was feet decided best to withhold the news until after the game, and for that reason even Manager Phillipe of the Filipinos was not advised of Bridges' misfortune. After the contest, Bridges was sum told of his father's death and preparal leas to depart for his home. por O'Conpor Released Bridges. toss Bridges is a former St. Louis Fed twirler, It having been signed by "Deacon" Phillipe tha after Jack O'Connor handed to him his un-Sixteen hits, including conditional release. the three doubles and seven triples were made The Feds collected their runs in Cav bevies of four, six, one and six.

Father died June 1913

Father of Marvin Bridges was Rev. Wiley A Bridges. I haven't found info on when Rev. Bridges died.

## **Marvin O Bridges**

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## Marvin O. Bridges Rites Tomorrow

Marvin Orester Bridges, 83, n., Miami, retired real estate man and native Tennessean, died here yesterday in Veterans Hospital in after a long illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m.
tomorrow at Pettus-Owen Wood
funeral Home, 4506 Charlotte
Ave. The Rev. Harlon Watson
will officiate. Burial will be in
Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Bridges, a native of Bedford County, had been in the real estate business in Florida, California, Washington, and New York before his retirement about four years ago.

He had lived in Miami since his retirement and had been visiting in Nashville since November. He was hospitalized after suffering a heart attack four days ago.

He was a son of the Rev Wiley A. and Sara Reagor Bridges.

He played professional baseball for Buffalo, N.Y., and later coached football at the University of Florida. He also coached and taught at Mooney School in Murfreesboro. Both his parents also were teachers.

His first wife, Mrs. Lulu Shaeffer Bridges, died Dec. 7, 1957. In November, 1960, he married Mrs. Sadie Ott of Washington, D.C., who survives.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-

American War. He attended Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ester Monroe, Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Jennie McClanahan, Jackson, Tenn.; a brother, Milton L. Bridges, Fayetteville, Tenn.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Name William A. Bridges Sex Male Age **34** Event Date 1880 Event Place District 11, Grainger, Tennessee, United States Event Place (Original) District 11, ED 11, Bedford, TN,
United States Birth Year (Estimated) 1846 Birthplace Tennessee, United States Marital Status Married Occupation Minister Race White Relationship to Head of Household Self Father's Birthplace Tennessee, United States Mother's Birthplace Tennessee, United States Event Type Census

Household Identifier 13135569

As best I can tell from the box scores, Bridges played for the Federals on Opening Day (May 6), along with a pitcher named Frey. Bridges was released a few days later (May 8), while Frey left town that day on the first road trip of the season. He appears in the box score for the game of May 10 in Covington, and then he was cut on May 12.

Searches for Ken Bridges in newspapers.com turn up a blurb in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on May 1, 1913 indicating that St. Louis beat Pittsburgh to "Bridges, a pitcher of Richmond, VA". Going back a month or so from then, one finds M. O. Bridges and Clarence H. Frey (frey—001geo) on a roster for Richmond; both were released by Richmond on April 15, 1913. This is the element that ties Clarence Frey to St. Louis. Frey came from Glen Rock, PA, and was also known as Jack Frey (frey—001jac) (The York (PA) Daily, March 16, 1914). I've found out a lot about Frey, but I haven't been able to conclusively put him on the St. Louis club, another than through the connection to Bridges. (A third player, Buck Hooker, was also recruited by St. Louis manager Jack O'Connor from Virginia at the start of the season and released with Bridges.)

As for Bridges, Baseball-Reference has Ken Bridges playing for Pittsburgh in the Federal League after St. Louis. I found that connection in the St. Louis papers. Bridges played for Pittsburgh through mid-June, when he was released and signed by Syracuse. The Syracuse papers refer to him as "Ben Bridges" (Syracuse Herald, July 3, 1913). He was released after about a week, at which point the Syracuse paper reported he returned to his home in Buffalo. However, Bridges umpired games for the Kitty League the rest of the season, and the Louisville Courier-Journal is explicit that he came from Syracuse (July 14, 1913). And at the end of the season, the National Board of Arbitration disallowed a claim by M.O. Bridges against Clarksville, a team which had issues with Bridges' umpiring during the season, so I can only assume that M.O. Bridges was the umpire and the pitcher with Syracuse, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, despite the name "Ben" reported by the Syracuse paper.

Baseball-Reference describes M.O. Bridges as Marvin Bridges as 6' 2", 225 lbs. The Richmond paper describes him as 6' 2", 200 lbs. (Haven't got this reference, so need to double check that.) The Syracuse paper describes Ben Bridges as a 200 lb pitcher. Marvin Bridges was born in Bedford, TN, attended Cumberland University (where he was a known athlete), and played for teams in Tennessee and the Southern Association, so he was known in Tennesse well before he umpired in the Kitty League.