

Bill France

William Finley Templeton France

BIRTH 23 MAY 1886 • West Middletown, Washington, Pennsylvania, USA

DEATH 06 SEP 1965 • West Middletown, Washington, Pennsylvania, USA

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time. Al plays outfield positions.
WILLIAM FRANCE—Bill is an out-
fielder and pitcher. He says he can
play either acceptably and well, and
believes he can land a regular berth
with the club. Bill is 24, married and
resides at West Middleton, Pa. He
has not figured in any major or minor
league experience. He stands over six
feet and weighs 200 pounds. When not
playing ball France does carpenter
work. He is highly recommended, but
this goes with every ball player who
makes application with any club.
HOWARD SHAYLER, THE

Tried out with Youngstown under Bill Phillips
in 1911.

Occupation carpenter on WWI draft
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REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER	4482	ORDER NUMBER	235
1 William F. T. France		Pa	
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS West Middletown Pa			
Age in Years 24 Date of Birth May 23 1886			
RACE White			
U. S. CITIZEN Naturalized			
PRESENT OCCUPATION Carpenter			
EMPLOYER'S NAME U.S.A. Pitt University			
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Pitt University Pa			
NEAREST RELATIVE Mrs. Minnie France			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
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Carroll Joins Potters.

Washington, Pa., May 9—"Hunk" Carroll, former Washington second baseman, left yesterday to join the East Liverpool club of the O. & P. league with whom he has signed. "Stick" McWilliams, formerly of Washington is a member of the Potters' catching staff. Fred Bohe, Washington third baseman, has signed with the Wilksburg club of the County league. Viehman will succeed him at third for Washington. Bill France, who pitched for a time with Washington last year, has signed with Steubenville in the O. & P. for a tryout.

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Two former Washington county players who first attracted attention with local teams are to go higher next season. Bill France of the Steubenville club in the O. & P. League, has been disposed of to a major league club whose identity is not divulged, and Robert (Bun) Troy of McDonald, has been sold by Adrian, of the South Michigan League to the Detroit Americans. Both men are pitchers.

France first came into notice two years ago with West Middletown, a country team in northern Washington county. He was picked up last year by Washington in the old Allegheny and Washington County League and did so well that Steubenville nabbed him. All this season France has been the most dependable twirler on the Follansbee staff and when not pitching has been used to advantage in the outfield on account of his hard hitting. He is not to be delivered to the major league club until the O. & P. season is concluded.

Four Pittsburgh youths have been signed by Manager Bill Phillips for a tryout with the Indianapolis Federal league team and will report to the training camp in Charleroi the first of the week. They are Paisley, pitcher; Rodgers, catcher; Miller and Brown, outfielders; Scott, third baseman; Tremeyer, a former Tri-State outfielder; Kirke, last year a catcher in the Central Association; Massing, a catcher last year and manager in the Three I league, and William Frantz, a pitcher who last year played with Steubenville, are others who have signed.

To Play Exhibition Games.

CHARLEROI, PA., April 21.—At least two exhibition games will be played by the Indianapolis Federal League club during its training season in Charleroi, according to present plans. Manager E. H. Sackville of the Washington Independent team has written Manager "Bill" Phillips to arrange a game and he will be accommodated. A game will be played between Indianapolis and the Charleroi Independents for the benefit of the Charleroi playgrounds. Today the first players reported, those coming in being "Bill" France, pitcher, of West Middletown; Barum, an outfielder, of Carnegie; Miller, an outfielder, of Pittsburgh; Durrell, a catcher, of Vandergrift, and Sweeney of Monessen, who will try out as a pitcher.

The first man to go in the box for the regulars was Bill France, the Pennsylvanian. France is about six feet tall. He was the property of the Dallas (Tex.) club, but Manager Phillips contrived to secure his release. France had everything, though like others, he was slightly wild, owing to the lack of sufficient practice.

mud was not sticky enough to glue the bats of the local boys. They connected for fourteen solid bingles, forcing Woodrow to use three pitchers in a vain effort to stay the flood. Bill France, the West Middletown celebrity, who is an American Association pitcher seasoned in the fastest semi-pro company in Greater Pittsburgh, essayed to smash pitching records with the Houston boys as victims. He lasted four innings. Krear, succeeding him, stood the fire for one. Jeffries

them. A number of first class players have been turned out at Burgettstown. Hump Badel, for years a well known minor leaguer, is with the Burgettstown Coal Co. Bill France is at Cedar Grove, and Tom Brennan, who was one of the best catchers in the A. E. F. and worked with Grover Alexander in one game in France, is with Cherry Valley. Brazill, Connie Mack's third baseman, is a Panhandle league product, and the Bloom brothers, who are expected to star on the University of Pittsburgh nine this spring, also got their start in the Panhandle league. Baseball interest in that section is tremendous at present and indications are for another great season. Fred Work will be at Burgettstown next Saturday to assist in the reorganization of the league, and it is hoped that enough towns and teams will be represented to make possible the closing of the circuit without any delay.

Among the chief players signed is Kaiser an outfielder, who last year played a part of the season with Boston and finished with the Indianapolis American Association club. Paisley a pitcher, Rodgers a catcher, Miller an outfielder and Brown an outfielder of Pittsburg have been signed. William Frantz of West Middletown, last year with Steubenville, has affixed his name to a contract. Scott, whom Phillips claims to be one of the best third basemen in the business, has agreed to terms and will report for duty next week. Barum of Carnegie and Tremeyer the latter of Cincinnati, who is a former Tri State and New York State outfielder; Kirke a catcher last year in the Central Association and Massing a catcher who managed last year the Burlington team in the Three I league, are others who have agreed to terms.

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William France

AVELLA—William T. France, 79, of West Middletown, Pa., died at his home Monday.

He was a member of the West Middletown Christian Church. His wife, Minnie Phillips France, died in 1952.

He leaves six sons, William P. France of Weirton, Osborne France and Frank T. France, both of Steubenville, James A. France of West Middletown, Charles A. France of Amarilla, Tex., and the Rev. Mr. Carl G. France of Petersburg, Pa.; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Clarinda) McFadden of Williams-town, N.J.; 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; a brother, Frank of Elizabethtown, Pa.

Friends may be received at Thompson Funeral Home, from 7-9 p.m. tonight and from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday; services Thursday at the funeral home at 2 p.m.; West Middletown Cemetery.

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