

MARATHON PARK

IT ALL STARTED HERE

COURSE RECORDS

John McDermott, 1897	2:55:10
Ronald McDonald, 1898	2:42:00
James Caffrey, 1900	2:39:44
James Caffrey, 1901	2:29:23
Thomas Longboat, 1907	2:24:24
Clarence DeMar, 1911	2:21:39
Michael Ryan, 1912	2:21:18
Frank Zuna, 1921	2:18:57
Clarence DeMar, 1922	2:18:10

27 Years, 27 Champions

With Name, Winning Time, Age, Height, Weight, Occupation and Place of Residence, as of start of race:

1897

John J. McDermott 2:55:10
25 years 5-foot-6 124 lbs.
Photo Engraver New York City

1898

Ronald J. McDonald 2:42:00
22 years 5-foot-7 142 lbs.
Student Cambridge MA

1899

Lawrence Brignolia 2:54:38
23 years 5-foot-10 173 lbs.
Blacksmith Cambridge MA



1900

James J. Caffrey 2:39:44
23 years 5-foot-8 128 lbs.
Carpenter Hamilton, ONT

1901

James J. Caffrey 2:29:23
24 years 5-foot-8 130 lbs.
Carpenter Hamilton, ONT

1902

Sammy Mellor Jr. 2:43:12
23 years 5-foot-6 128 lbs.
Laborer Yonkers NY

1903

John C. Lorden 2:41:29
28 years 5-foot-7 136 lbs.
Shipping Agent Cambridge MA

1904

Michael Spring 2:38:04
21 years 5-foot-6 118 lbs.
Clerk New York City

1905

Frederick Lorz 2:38:25
25 years 5-foot-8 153 lbs.
Bricklayer New York City



1906

Timothy Ford 2:45:45
18 years 5-foot-6 113½ lbs.
Plumber Cambridge MA

1907

Thomas Longboat 2:24:24
19 years 5-foot-8 146 lbs.
Farmer Hamilton ONT



1908

Thomas Morrissey 2:25:43
20 years 5-foot-7 133 lbs.
Electrician New York City

1909

Henri Renaud 2:53:36
19 years 5-foot-8 143 lbs.
Mill Hand Nashua NH

1910

Fred Cameron 2:28:52
23 years 5-foot-2½ 120 lbs.
Clerk Amherst, Nova Scotia

1911

Clarence H. DeMar 2:21:39
21 years 5-foot-8 127 lbs.
Printer Melrose MA



1912

Michael Ryan 2:21:18
23 years 5-foot-7½ 132 lbs.
Postman New York City

1913

Fritz Carlson 2:25:14
29 years 5-foot-7 142 lbs.
Lumberman Minneapolis MN

1914

James Duffy 2:25:01
24 years 5-foot-8 145 lbs.
Stone Cutter Hamilton ONT

1915

Edouard Fabre 2:31:41
28 years 5-foot-7 147 lbs.
Steelworker Montreal QUE



1916

Arthur Roth 2:27:16
23 years 5-foot-6 120 lbs.
Draftsman Roxbury MA

1917

Bill Kennedy 2:28:37
35 years 5-foot-6½ 135 lbs.
Bricklayer Port Chester NY

1918

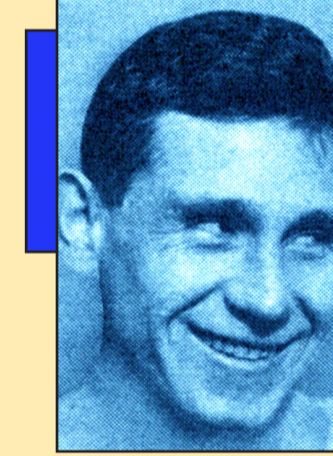
WWI Special Military Relay
Camp Devens MA team 2:24:53
302nd Infantry team 2:28:10

1919

Carl Linder 2:29:13
29 years 5-foot-7 147 lbs.
Shipyard Worker Quincy MA

1920

Peter Trivoulidas 2:29:31
29 years 5-foot-6 132 lbs.
Busboy Greece



1921

Frank Zuna 2:18:57
27 years 5-foot-9 121 lbs.
Plumber Newark NJ

1922

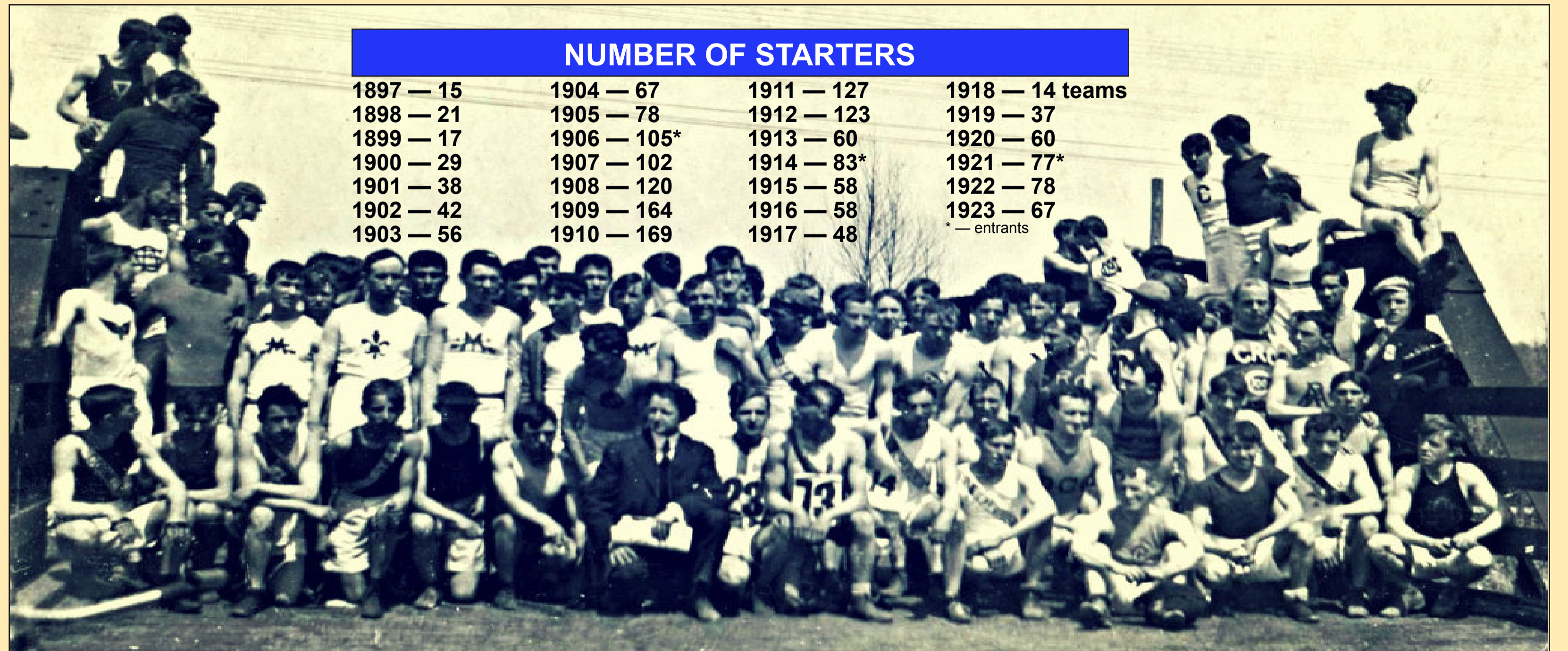
Clarence H. DeMar 2:18:10
33 years 5-foot-8 137 lbs.
Printer Melrose MA

1923

Clarence H. DeMar 2:23:47
34 years 5-foot-8 137 lbs.
Printer Melrose MA

NUMBER OF STARTERS

1897 — 15	1904 — 67	1911 — 127	1918 — 14 teams
1898 — 21	1905 — 78	1912 — 123	1919 — 37
1899 — 17	1906 — 105*	1913 — 60	1920 — 60
1900 — 29	1907 — 102	1914 — 83*	1921 — 77*
1901 — 38	1908 — 120	1915 — 58	1922 — 78
1902 — 42	1909 — 164	1916 — 58	1923 — 67
1903 — 56	1910 — 169	1917 — 48	* — entrants



The 1906 marathon starting field perched on High Street bridge in Ashland.

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