

Saginaw, Michigan Ball Clubs of 1883 & 1884 Return to Life

Tom Mudd, the great grandson of the much renowned [Doctor Mudd](#) of John Wilkes Booth/Abe Lincoln fame has committed to start an old time baseball team in Saginaw, Michigan. The team he picked was the Saginaw 'Old Golds' of 1883 that played in the Northwestern League. He asked me to help him put it together. We both couldn't figure out the reason for the team's name. I called the Cooperstown Baseball HOF in New York and was connected to an authority on pre 1900 baseball. He told me many teams of that era were named after the color of their sox, as in later with the Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox. Old Gold is a deep yellow similar to that being worn by the New Orleans Saints. The HOF expert enlighten me further with another find, a March 15th, 1979 Saginaw News story, they had on file. He told me it was article about Cecil A. Baskins, age 87, who owned a framed piece containing studio photos of twelve Saginaw 'Old Gold' ball players in suits and ties, the stalwarts of the 1883 team. The historian said if I found it, I could gift it to the Baseball H.O.F. it was Cecil's last wish. Ah No-If I find it, it stays in Saginaw where it belongs.

The HOF couldn't locate this item for 28 years, so I set out on a journey to see if it still exists. I started my trek by going to my home away from home, the Hoyt Library. There I micro filmed the article about Cecil A. Baskins' incredible find. This is how he found it, as reported by the Saginaw, News "Baskins got the picture from Sam Setas, who had operated the Liberty Lunch here in town. Sam picked it up in a second hand store on Lapeer Street. He sold out and moved to Rudyard in the Upper Peninsula, taking the picture with him. He had a tourist lodge at Rudyard and when the Baskins family went north, they would stop there. One year Setas told Baskins, he was going to throw the picture out but Baskins could have it. Baskin took it.

"That was almost 100 years ago" said Baskins, "it was a shame to see it thrown out. There is a lot of sentiment there. This was the majors, the big leagues." I promptly looked up Cecil's obituary. He died on October 13th, 1983 at the age of 91. Cecil had been a standout athlete at Saginaw High School. He caught professionally for two years in Grayling, Cheboygan, and the 1914 season in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The money wasn't to his liking so he embarked on a successful business career in Saginaw banking. The obituary listed one son and one daughter at the time of his death. I located his son Thomas by way of his son Thomas Jr. who works for Saginaw Bay Underwriters. He told me his Dad was up north at Point Lookout.

I called and Thomas age 84, answered. I asked if he remembered the picture. Tom "My sister Bernice (Lockwood) received all of my Dad's possessions when he passed. When she died they went to her two sons, (James R. Demijohn and David C. Demijohn). Tom said Jim still lived in the area and that he was a part time teacher and chef. Tom also added with excitement "One day when I was nine years old my Dad and I drove to Winona Beach in Bay City. Dad and I got out and walked over to the Gas Station owner and Dad said "Son I'd like you to meet the most famous ball player in these parts, "[Red McKee](#)." You could have knocked me over with a feather.

Now I looked in earnest for James R. Demijohn. After going a computer based company for five area phone numbers, I hit on one number, John's long lost cousin. She said he may be living with his brother David. I got David's number from her and gave him a call. David answered and I asked if he knew the whereabouts of the picture. David

“Sure do, it’s on the wall in front of my computer (breakout the feather).” I asked David if I could meet him at noon. He told he was going to the Doctor at that time for more intensive medication. David then let me know he had terminal cancer. I met with him at his home on 1911 Morgan Street. My Dad’s name is Morgan and his date of birth was 1911. David told me his Grandpa and he loved that picture. I asked him if I could remove the item from the frame and take it to Saginaw Photo to get it digitalized. David didn’t want to alter it in anyway. Earlier in the day I had given David an offer, before I knew of his physical condition. I told David, that I was on the board of the Saginaw County Sports HOF and was helping with the formation of an old time baseball team, which just so happens to be comprised of the 12 players shown in this 124-year old piece. I gave them an offer. David said he wanted to sleep on it.

I drove to David’s the next day after work and found him home working on his truck. He said he needed chemotherapy treatments five times a week to extend his life, but no longer had a ride. We worked out a deal to help him along with those plans. David said the piece should remain in Saginaw and that I would give the picture the care it needed. David wanted his Grandpa Cecil’s name mentioned when the piece is discussed. David is a man of character who is facing the end of his life’s journey with dignity.

Turning back time on a used car joke, Television’s ‘Amos and Andy’ came to mind. The King Fish was looking for a used car one weekend. The salesman drove it over to his apartment. The salesman told Kingfish it was only driven to a bank once a week by an old lady. After slowly walking around the beat to death vehicle, King Fish with chin in hand, said “Where was the bank, MEXICA CITY.” My other favorite from that show: Sapphire tells the often lazy Kingfish to go find a job. She gave him .15 cents and said “Don’t you go to far away”. Kingfish sarcastically replied “Where do you think I’m go-in, HONOLULA.”

The 1883 Saginaw Ball Club was the city’s first professional team and a successful one at that. They played 110 games including exhibitions and went right to the finish line with Toledo. **Toledo won the 1883 pennant with a 55-28 record, Saginaw was second at 54-30. Saginaw beat Toledo 9 games to 3 in their season series. The ‘Old Golds’ had a team batting average of .244 and a fielding average of .881.** The ‘Old Golds’ missed the pennant by two games to a team that was so good it became a major league team the following season. Most of the players on the, Saginaw ‘Old Golds,’ and their counterparts didn’t wear baseball gloves. The 1st player to use a ball glove was Doug Allison with the Cincinnati Red Stockings in 1870 due to an injured left hand. By the mid 1890’s everyone was wearing a glove.

Northwestern League teams in 1883: Peoria Reds, Toledo Blue Stockings, Fort Wayne Hoosiers, Saginaw **Old Golds**, Bay City, Grand Rapids, Quincy, Illinois, and Springfield, Illinois. On the 1883 league champion, Toledo ‘Blue Stockings’ were ‘Fleetwood’ Walker (1857-1924), (played for the U of M baseball team in 1882) and his brother Welday Walker (1859-1937). Peoria tried to ban Walker on 3/14/1883 because he was black, it didn’t happen. When Toledo joined the American Association the next year, Fleetwood Walker became the 1st ever black player to compete in Major League baseball (42 G, 152 AB, and a .263 BA-then Cap Anson got blacks out of M.L. baseball). His brother later played 6 games with the same team. In **1884** Springfield and Toledo (joined A.A.) dropped out of the Northwestern League. Other teams were added: Evansville,

Indiana, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Muskegon, Michigan, St. Paul, Minnesota, Stillwater, Minnesota, Terra Haute, Indiana, and Winona, Minnesota. The league added to many teams and the traveling expenses killed the profits. Teams started folding on July 22nd and ended on September 27th of that year. The Northwestern League was baseball's 1st ever minor league.

Players with age and positions prefacing individual comments:

Arthur Wilson Whitney, 25 years old, Manager and 3rd baseman (5'8" 155). Art was born in Brockton, Massachusetts on January 16th, 1858 and died August 15th, 1943 at 85 years old in Lowell, Massachusetts. Arthur's teams included the Worcester Ruby Legs (1880), Detroit Wolverines (1881-82), played with the Providence Grays and Detroit in 1882 where he was in 40 games and averaged .142/.829 FA, Saginaw Old Golds (1883), Pittsburgh Alleghenys (1884-87), Detroit Wolverines (1888-didn't sign-didn't play-a holdout-rare), New York Giants (1888-90), Cincinnati Kelly's Killers (1891), and the St. Louis Browns (1891). **He helped the N.Y. Giants win the 1888 World Series (10 games, .324 BA, Giants beat the St. Louis Browns 6 games to 4) and 1889 World Series (9 games, .229 BA, Giants beat the Brooklyn Bridegrooms 6 games to 3).** Whitney in 11 Major League seasons played in 978 games and had 3,681 AB, 475 R, 820 H, 89 -2B, 32-3B, 6 HR, 349 RBI, 302 W, .223 BA, .269 SP, and 991 TB. Art's brother also played Major League ball, his name was Frank Thomas "Jumbo" Whitney. **Obituary:** Arthur W. Whitney, one of America's oldest major league figures as a third baseman with the Chicago Cubs at the turn of the century, died here Sunday night, aged 85 years, 6 months, and 29 days. For the past eight years, Whitney had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wagner of 42 Marlborough Street. Recognized as one of the pioneers of the national pastime, Arthur Whitney enjoyed wide acquaintance in major league circles, and for many years was connected with a big sporting house in the manufacture and distribution of supplies. The association enabled him to visit the major league cities of the nation, and he held the personal acquaintance of nearly every manager and owner in the national pastime. Whitney got his start in the old New England league, which enjoyed high prosperity in Lowell, New Bedford, and other cities in 1887 and 1888. One of his oldest friends locally was Michael Mahoney of Westford Street, old time National League umpire, and Mr. Mahoney recalled that when he was called to officiate in the National League in 1891 and 1892, Whitney virtually went with him under contract with the Chicago Cubs as a third baseman. For many years, Whitney was in business in Fitchburg. He is survived by one brother, Frank Whitney (died at age 87) of Baltimore, Md., also an old National League player of consequence when the game was young. **Art's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 82 G, 347 AB, 71 R, 90 H, and a .259 BA. His fielding average was .839 for 78 games.**

Frederick C. "Tricky" Nichols: 33 years old, Pitcher (5 7 ½, 150). "Tricky" was born in Bridgeport, CT. on July 26th, 1850 and died on August 22, 1897 at age 47 years old from pulmonary TB in Bridgeport, CT. His teams included the New Haven Elm Citys (1875 w/ a dreadful 4-29 record), Boston Red Caps (1876-record 1-0), St. Louis Brown Stockings (1877), Providence Grays (1878), Worcester Ruby Legs (1880), Baltimore Orioles (1882), and the Saginaw Old Golds (1883). Pitching in an era when the rules

required a delivery that came from below the belt, Fred developed one of the first “drop balls” in the game. He earned the nickname because of his deceptive delivery. Fred won 28 out of 111 professional games. Not to tricky a pitch. Major League numbers: 6 Years, 72 G, 24-44, 593 innings, 126 SO, 3.37 ERA, and 60 CG. Two busy years: In 1875 he was 4-29 in 288 innings and in 1877 “Tricky was 18-23 in 350 innings. His [obituary](#) read: Fredrick C. Nichols, who some years ago enjoyed a national reputation as a clever pitcher, died yesterday morning at the residence of his sister, Mrs. George French, 49 ½ Madison Avenue. The deceased was one of the original “curve” pitchers. He was heady at the business and early in his career earned the sobriquet of “Tricky Nick” (Not tricky Dick). He worked the batters in a clever manner and thus received the name. Mr. Nichols first pitched for teams which Dan Shannon got together to play in the Eastern League. He was regarded as a steady player and held engagements with several teams throughout the east. The interment will be at Lakeview cemetery in Bridgeport, Ct.

[Fred’s batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 47 G, 191 AB, 24 R, 49 H, and a .253 BA. His fielding average was .848.](#)

William H. “Yank” Robinson: 24 years old, Shortstop (5’ 6 ½” 170). “Yank” was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 9-19-1859 and died in St. Louis Missouri (Calvary Cemetery) on 8-25-1894 at the age of 35 years old. His teams: Detroit Wolverines (1882), Saginaw Old Golds (1883), Baltimore Monumentals (1884) St. Louis Browns (1885-89), Pittsburgh Burghers (1890), Cincinnati’s Kelly’s Killers, St. Louis Browns (1891), and the Washington Senators (1892). Robinson’s Major League numbers: 10 years, 978 G, 3,520 AB, 697 R, 917 H, 148-2B, 44-3B, 14 HR, 664 base on balls, 399 RBI, .261 BA, .340 SLG, and a .878 FA. His best year was 1887 with the St. Louis Browns hitting .305 in 430 at bats. “Yank” also pitched in 1884 with the Baltimore ‘Monumentals going 3-3. “Yank” was one of baseballs 1st “super-sub. “Yank” had a .375 on base percentage. He led his league in base on balls 3-times in 1884 (37), 1886 (116), and 1889 (118). “Yank” finished 2nd in his league 2 other times: 1887 (92) and 1890 (101). He also allowed himself to be hit by pitches. He was among league leaders in that category also: 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1890. “Yank” played 698 games at second base, 143 at third base, 66 at shortstop, 56 in the outfield, and 14 games as a pitcher. He even led his league in complete games in 1884 with 8. On 5/26/1891 he had 7 fielding chances at 2nd base for Cincinnati and made 7 errors-thus he was sent off to St. Louis. Robinson was acquired by Chris Von de Ahe’s St. Louis AA team in 1885 from the Baltimore Onions team of the Union Association. This turned out to be a wonderful opportunity for Robinson, who fell under the tutelage of **manager Charlie Comiskey** and blossomed as a player. Never a great hitter, in 1885 and 1886 **he wound up playing every position except shortstop for the Brownies, and in 1886 stole 51 bases.** He would continue on in this capacity for the majority of career, even doing a little pitching for the Browns in 1886. [On 9/13/1887 “Yank” Robinson and the World Champion St. Louis Browns refused to play a scheduled game against the Cuban Giants, a black team. The manager Chris Von de Ahe threatened the Browns players and they still refused, the game wasn’t played. “Yank” was one of the players who signed the paper not to play against the Negro team \(Charles Comiskey, a St. Louis Brown, was not for the action taken by the players\).](#) **Robinson was involved in one of the most controversial baseball**

episodes of the 19th century. During the 1889 season, Robinson was suspended and fined after a shouting match with owner Von de Ahe. The Brown players nearly went on a sit-down strike in support of their teammate. In fact, they became so indignant at the treatment of their teammate that many refused to go to Kansas City to play the Cowboys for their next series. After much debating, and on pleas from Robinson, the team made a last-minute decision and boarded the train. Controversy would not stop there, though. The Browns would then proceed to drop three in a row to the Cowboys amid charges from Von der Ahe that they lost on purpose. All this proved to be too much for Robinson, who eventually had enough of Von der Ahe. 1889 would be the last full season for Robinson, who jumped to the Players League in 1890. He would never again play more than 98 games in a season for the rest of his career. Settling in St. Louis after his life in baseball was over—he died on 8/25/1894, as a result of phthisis pulmonalis (wasting of the pulmonary system), another term for consumption, or TB. **The story from: “Bury My Heart at Cooperstown” by Frank Russo and Gene Racz. Obituary:** Robinson died at 5:25, Saturday, Aug. 25, 1894, at residence of Mrs. Louise Tebeen, 3812 North Eleventh Street. Wm. H. Robinson, late member of the St. Louis Base Ball Club, aged about 35 years. **He is buried in the Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, in an unmarked grave (Section 11 B).** ‘Yank’ was known as a high roller in life. It was also said he could go equally well to his left or right while playing shortstop. Robinson deserves a grave marker. Years later a story broke about ‘Yank’s will: The late William Robinson better known as ‘Yank’ Robinson, and noted second baseman, had money in the bank when he died, as well as some real estate in St. Louis. He left a will in which he bequeathed all his property to his brother George and Captain Oliver ‘Patsy’ Tebeau of the Cleveland team, who was an esteem friend of his, to be divided equally between them. **A second brother was cut off with only a dollar.”** ‘Patsy’ Tebeau played 13 M.L. years and averaged .279. He won 726 M.L. games as a manager. On 5/16/1918 ‘Patsy’ **killed him self with a gun** because of a long illness. He was 53 year sold. Another story concerning ‘Yank’: “There are a million –more or less Mike Kelly stories, but one that Frank Bancroft tells is new. One day, during the reign of Kelly’s Killers in Pendelton, Kel was catching and poor ‘Yank’ Robinson was at short, so shaky from a long spree that he was on the verge of collapse. Bounder after bounder went toward short and Robby kicked every one of them, messed over them, and gave the most horrible exhibition of fielding ever seen. He made six errors and was so bad the crowd was howling. Then some one drove a fierce liner straight over second. Bobby saw it, made a short run, leaped, stuck out one hand, slid on his side across the base and speared ball with one extended hand, rolling over and over, but hanging to the ball. In a flash Kel’s mask and mitt were off and he was racing down through the diamond. He grasped Robby’s hand, shook it again and again, and said loudly: **“Good boy, Mr. Robinson.** You always could play this game.”

Yank’s batting stats in Saginaw in 1883: 64 G, 241 AB, 54 R, 53 H, and .220 BA. His fielding average was .814 in 62 games.

John “Tug” Arundel: 21 years old, Catcher. “Tug was born in Romulus, New York on 6/30/1862 and died of paralysis in Auburn, New York on 9/5/1912 at the age of 50 years old. Teams: Philadelphia (1882), Saginaw Old Golds (1883), Toledo (1884), Indianapolis (1887), and Washington (1888). Major League numbers: 4 Years, 76 G,

260 AB, 21 R, 45 H, 4-2B, 1-3B, 0 HR, 16 RBI, .173 BA, and a .882 FA. [9/07/1906 story: An Old Time Baseball Story with Credit to McGraw-TUG ARUNDEL AS A SPRINTER-And How He Cased Walter and Four Tallies around the Bases.](#) “(John) McGraw was on the Cortland county lots when Tug (Arundel) was developing John Clarkson as a pitcher: “Did any of you readers ever hear the story of Tug Arundel, the famous Chicago catcher and how he lost a game some years ago by giving chase to a struck-out batter? McGraw is responsible for the tale, and if you have any doubts about it, ask him. “The bases were full at the time, and Baltimore needed three runs to win. Steve Brodie (1437 M.L. Games, 25 HR, and a .303 BA) came up and, after swinging viciously, missed the third strike. Arundel always believed he could beat Brodie running, and after he dropped that third strike, he was determined to show him. “Tug” refused to throw the ball to first, but flying into rage, yelled “I can catch you web feet” and started after the fleeing Brodie to touch him with a ball. The team was yelling like mad at Arundel to throw the ball, but his mind was ‘sot’. Past first they went like two thoroughbreds, and around the diamond the sprint continued. Brodie kept two feet ahead until they reached the home plate, and then for the first time Arundel realized that he had chased in four runs and lost the game.” [12/13/1911: “TUG” ARUNDEL INSANE](#)-Old-Time Baseball Player Committed to Willard State Hospital-John Arundel, and old-time baseball player who was well known throughout the state as “Tug” Arundel, was declared insane, yesterday, by a commission in lunacy composed of Doctors W.H. Neville and Thomas F. Laurie. Arundel was committed to the State hospital at Willard. He was taken there this afternoon. Arundel suffered a paralytic stroke about a year ago and since that time he has been suffering from mental trouble. During the past few months his condition has grown constantly worse and his family fearing that he would injure himself or others asked the authorities to take charge of him. For a number of years Arundel was prominent in politics in the Fourth ward. [6/27/1912: UMPIRE ARUNDEL HAS TROUBLE IN SECOND](#)-“Umpire Arundel who has been officiating in this city since the Albany team returned from the road, came within an ace of getting mobbed at the conclusion of the second game of the double header between the Senators and Uticans at Chadwick Park yesterday afternoon. Manager (James) Tamsett protested for some time before the game was resumed, and after it was over he took up the argument again, walking Arundel over to the player’s bench. 100 fans swarmed upon the field and started in to call the umpire vile names, urged Tamsett to hit him. The park police tried their best to clear the angry fans away, but their efforts were of no avail. Finally the police escorted Arundel out of the park, while the fans followed behind and hooted and jeered while others threw rocks, but the only person hit was an officer. For a time it looked as though the trouble would result seriously, but Arundel made the dressing room without getting hurt.” [Obituary: Arundel](#) died in Ovid, N.Y., early Thursday morning [Sept. 5, 1912.](#) [John Arundel](#)- lived at Number 139 Van Anden Street, in this city. [Tug’s batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 34 G, 120 AB, 12 R, 20 H, and a .166 AB. His fielding average was .783 in 33 games.](#)

[William Hildreth “Bill” Hawes](#): 30 years old (5’10” 155), 1st Base. Bill was born in Nashua, N.H. on 11/17/1853 and died in Lowell, Massachusetts on 6/16/1940 at the age of 86 years old. His teams: Boston (1879), Metropolitan Club of New York (1882), Saginaw Old Golds (1883), and Cincinnati ‘Outlaws’ (1884). Major League stats: 117 G,

504 AB, 99 R, 128 H, 10-2B, 7-3B, 4 HR, .254 BA, .325 SLA, and a .827 FA. [Obituary: Veteran Ball Player Dies-W.H. Hawes in First Game Played-](#) A participant in the first professional game played in Boston in 1876, William H. Hawes, a resident of this city for many years, died yesterday at home, 147 Forest Street, in his 87th year. Following his career in professional baseball, Mr. Hawes served as a member of the board of cemetery commissioners and then conducted a business on Central Street for 50 years. He was a member of Lowell Lodge 87, B.P.O.E.; a former member of the old Highland Club, the Martin Luther Club, and the Vesper Country Club. He was an attendant of the Grace Universalist Church. He is survived by one niece, Miss Maude A. Nichols.

[Bill's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 71 G, 328 BA, 76 R, 87 H, and a .265 BA. His fielding average was .935 in 70 games, best FA on the team.](#)

John 'Doc' Mansell: 22 years old, Leftfield (5'10" 168). John was born in Auburn, New York in 1861 and died in Romulus, New York on 2/20/1925 at the age of 64. In 1882 John played for Philadelphia where he played in 31 games, 126 AB, 17 R, 30 H, 3-2B, 1-3B, 17 RBI, .238 BA, and a .791 FA. John was once described in the newspaper as "the graceful Hibernian sylph." He was Irish. Sylph means 'slender graceful woman'. May be he was Metro-Sexual. [5/10/1884 News excerpt:](#) "The three Mansell brothers are each playing left field, one with the Allegheny Club, one with Cincinnati, and one with Saginaw. They are all fine players. **Mike Mansell played 5-M.L seasons: 1471 AB and a .239 BA. He died at age 46. Tom Mansell played 3-M.L. seasons: 767 AB and a .259 BA. He died at age 79.**

[1883 Auburn, N.Y. news release with John's picture/article:](#) JOHN MANSEL-The subject of our biographical sketch this week is the above named young and promising professional player who hails from Auburn, N.Y., where he was born 22 years ago. He is the youngest of three brothers who have attained distinction in the professional arena within the last few years as expert outfielders and long distance throwers, capital batsmen and clever base runners. John commenced ball playing at an early age, being connected as an outfielder with amateur clubs of his native city for five successive seasons prior to 1881, when he formed one of the professional teams that represented Akron, Ohio. On the disbandment of the Akron nine he joined the Albany Club, with which his two brothers were also then connected, the trio admirably filling the outfield positions. We believe this was the **only time in which the three brothers ever played professionally in the same club (all in the outfield together-long before the Alou brothers).** John finished the season of 1881 with the Atlantics of Brooklyn. Last season he was engaged by the Athletic Club of Philadelphia, but an accident prevented his playing during part of the season. He however, took part in 31 championship contests, doing excellent work in his home position, and his throw in the Atlantic-Eclipse game July 12 from extreme centerfield to home plate in time to put a base runner out was claimed to equal any previous record. He accepted an engagement this season with the **professional team representing East Saginaw, Mich.,** in the newly formed Northwestern League, and holding the premier position in the race for its championship pennant. Mansell promises to excel as an outfielder, being a sure catch and as accurate long distance thrower. He also is a good batsman and in exceedingly clever base runner. His quiet, unassuming deportment has made him a great favorite in every city he has played in during his brief but brilliant professional career. John's wife died at age 25 years old on August 15th,

1908. Obituary for John's brother Tom: Thomas Edward Mansell, 79, famous for years in state and national baseball circles, the former Chief of Police in Kansas City, Kansas, died this morning at his home of his sister, Miss Minis Mansell, 17 Cross Street. Mansell had been in failing health since the death of his wife last March at the family home Kansas City. After her death he came to live with his sister here, his only near survivor. Tom, Mike, and John Mansell were born in Auburn and from the local sandlots arose through the baseball ranks of the old Empire and New York State Leagues' and into the majors. They were famous fielders and batsmen and made baseball history throughout the country. It was while he was playing with the Kansas City team in the old National League that Tom Mansell retired from the game and joined the Police Department of that city. He lived there for the past 44 years. He retired as Chief of Police three years ago. Tom was the last survivor of the baseball trio. **6/03/1911** News story: The Waverly Free Press of yesterday has the following item regarding a new venture of John Mansell, formerly of this city, in the city of Sayre, Pa.: "John C. Mansell proprietor of the Bijou Theatre of this place will open this week, on the Desmond Street green an airdome. The enclosure will seat 1,000 people and each evening during the summer there will be motion pictures and vaudeville acts to amuse the audiences. The grounds are being put in shape now." **5/29/1913**: News headline and story: MANSELL WAS HURT-In a Wreck near Odessa but Saved His Life by Jumping-John Mansell of Sayre, formerly of this city and known among his friends by the nickname of **Doc**, was seriously injured in a collision between a fast freight and a passenger train taking a siding near Odessa yesterday. Engineer James Faulds of Sayre in charge of the freight train had trouble stopping on account of the wet and slippery condition of the rails. Ten cars were piled in a heap and Engineer Faulds was killed. Fireman Roy Hand and Mansell escaped fatal injuries by jumping. The latter was a break-man on this freight train." (John Mansell was 52 years old at the time of his jump) Other brother combinations listed in a paper in 1908: The **Delahantys**: Ed, Tom, Joe, Jim, Frank, and Willie. **Donohues**: "Jiggs", Pat, Frank, and Will. **Cross** brothers: Amos, Lave, and Frank. **Stovall**: George, Jesse, and Sam. **Bannon**: Tom, Bill, and Jim. **Clarkson**: John, Walter, and Arthur. **Ganzel**: Charley, Jim, and Joe.

[John's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 81 G, 350 AB, 49 R, 90 H, and a .257 BA. His fielding average was .911 in 78 games, 2nd best FA on the team.](#)

Milton Douglas "Buck" West: 23 years old, Centerfield (5'10" 200). "Buck" was born in Spring Mill, Ohio on 8/29/1860 and died in Mansfield, Ohio on 1/13/1929 at the age of 68. Teams: Saginaw Old Golds (1883), Cincinnati (1884), and Cleveland (1890). Major League numbers: 70 G, 252 AB, 40 R, 69 H, 8-2B, 9-3B, 3 HR, 44 RBI, .245 BA, and a .828 FA. Excerpts from West's [obituary](#): An illness of several months duration terminated in the death of Milton D. West, aged 68 years, well known resident of Mansfield. Mr. West died at his home 113 West Fifth Street, Saturday afternoon. Mr. West was born in Richmond County and was a resident of this city at various intervals in his life over 60 years. He was long associated with public life. Milton West or "Buck" as he was known in early life started his career as a baseball player. A natural hitter and possessed of wonderful speed rose steadily until he became one of the leading outfielders in baseball. It was one time said that "Milt" had as his friend every man in two major leagues of baseball and that never did he turn a deaf ear to the request of a friend. He

was in the retail liquor business and engaged in a restaurant enterprise. West was an ardent devotee of the light harness horse game and when the old Mansfield Driving club was formed years ago, was one of its active members, he being the owner of a number of horses that after trials in the matinee races which the club staged here, wrote race history over the grand circuit.

[West's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 65 G, 300 AB, 58 R, 83 H, and a .276 BA.](#)
[His fielding average in centerfield was .817 for 36 games. At second base it was .832 in 24 games.](#)

Thomas W. Forster (Foster): 24 years old, 2nd Base (5'9" 153). Tom was born New York, New York on 5/1/1859 and died on 7/17/1946 in New York, New York at the age of 87. His teams: Detroit Wolverines (1882-In 20 games he hit .098/ .825 FA), Saginaw 'Old Golds' (1883), Pittsburgh Alleghenys (1884), and the Metropolitans (1885 and 1886). M.L. numbers: 180 G, 666 AB, 76 R, 131 H, 15-2B, 4-3B, 1 HR, 40 RBI, .197 BA, and a .879 FA. **Obituary:** Foster. Infielder in 1880's Dies-Thomas Foster, a major league baseball player of the Eighteen Eighties with New York, St. Louis, and Cincinnati in the old American Association, died yesterday at the age of 88. Arlie Latham, famous Giants' third baseman, who was a teammate of Foster, described him as "a really good second baseman." Arlie was quit a character. He once lit a firecracker under third base in an effort to "wake himself up". In 1887 he was credited with stealing 129 bases for the St. Louis Browns. After getting a hit he sometimes performed cartwheels on the way to first base. Latham lost a 100-yard race to future evangelist Billy Sunday. Arlie claims to have noticed the talents of Ty Cobb before anyone else and recommended Brooklyn to sign him. In the off season he played vaudeville. After retiring he ran a night club in England and allegedly taught King George V how to throw a baseball. Arlie died at age 92. I've seen a picture of Latham-he had that goofy look in his eyes. Related story and headline on Tom in the Auburn Citizen newspaper on 2/10/1925: Old-Timers, Big Figures in Baseball in Early 80's, Meet Again at National League's Golden Jubilee-Tom is pictured at age 66 with Sam Crane, 2nd baseman of the Fall River Club of Boston in 1876 and James Muirie, who managed the Metropolitan Club in New York in 1884.
[Forster's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 77 G, 310 AB, 47 R, 74 H, and .239 BA.](#)
[His fielding average was .881 for 69 games.](#)

William Robert Hunter: 28 years old, Catcher (5' 7 ½ 160). Bill was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada in 1855. No listed date of death. Teams: St. Thomas 'Atlantics' (1882), Saginaw 'Old Golds' (1883), and Louisville (1884). Major League numbers: 2 G, 7 AB, 1 R, 1 H, .143 BA, and .667 FA.

[Hunter's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 40 G, 152 AB, 25 R, 30 H, and a .197 BA.](#)
[His fielding average was .827 for 38 games.](#)

Malcolm M. "Mac" McArthur: 21 years old, Pitcher. Malcolm was born in Glasgow, Scotland on January 19, 1862 and died in Detroit on October 18, 1932 at the age of 70. He is one of only eight players in Major League Baseball history to be Scottish natives. Teams: East Saginaw Club (1882), Saginaw 'Old Golds' (1883), and the Indianapolis Hoosiers (1884). Major League numbers: 1-5, 19 S.O., 5.02 ERA. He gave up 80 base runners (57 hits, 21 walks, and 2 hit batsmen). His 1st M.L. game was on May 2, 1884

against St. Louis Browns at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis. The Hoosiers lost 8-1. His second game May 9th, 1884 was a winning effort against the Louisville Eclipse at Eclipse Park in Louisville, Kentucky. The score was 8-2. He would pitch in only four more M.L. games, the last on June 9th, 1884. Malcolm's wife died at age 78 years old in Harbor Beach, Mich. on September 25, 1943. She was born on July 22, 1865 in Canada. **Obituary:** Malcolm McArthur-Oct. 18 at residence, 1311 Aubin, Ave. Malcolm: beloved husband of Margaret, and dear father of Margaret Ruth McArthur, funeral from residence, Friday, 2 p.m.
McArthur's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 15 G, 57 AB, 5 R, 9, H, and a .158 BA. His fielding average was .842 in 15 games.

William Henry "Gunner" "Mac" McGunnigle: 28 years old, Right Field/Pitcher/Captain (5'9" 155). Bill was born in Boston, Massachusetts on 1/1/1855 (New Year's Day) and died in Brockton, Massachusetts on March 9, 1899 at the age of 44 years old, 9 days. His teams: Fall River (1875), Buffalo (1876 to 1878), Buffalo Bisons (1879 and 1880), Worcester Ruby Legs (1880), Cleveland Blues (1882), Saginaw 'Old Golds' (1883), Bay City (1884), Muskegon (1884), Brockton (1885 and 1886), and Lowell Browns (1887). Bill was the playing manager for Brockton and they won the New England League championship in '85. He was the manager and captain of the Lowell Browns, winning a pennant with them in '87. Major League Pitching Record: 19 G, 11-8, 65 S.O., and a 2.81 ERA. Major League Hitting record: 56 G, 202 AB, 24 R, 35 H, 1-3B, .173 BA, and a .908 FA. Major League Managing record with the Brooklyn 'Bridegrooms' (1889 and 1890), Pittsburgh (1891), and Louisville (1896): 586 G, 327 wins-248 losses, for a .569 Winning %. His '89 team lost the World Series to the New York Giants 6 games to 3. Bill's 1890 team tied in the World Series 3-3-1 with the Louisville Colonels. **Bill was the first catcher to wear a glove (Bricklayer's Glove) in a game against Harvard in 1875. Charles C. Waite, a first baseman in 1875, claims to be the first to ever wear a glove in a game. Doug Allison, a catcher with the Cincinnati Red Stockings also claimed to have worn the first catcher's glove, a pair of buckskin mittens, in 1870. Allison said fans and players called him a sissy. As a manager McGunnigle used a tin whistle to signal his men (like a hockey coach). Bill guided teams to two consecutive pennants in two different leagues (AA and NL) with the same team Brooklyn in 1889 and 1890. It's the only time this ever happened in baseball.** In the school of hard knocks, "Gunner" was the target of a crazed pitcher named Dick Conway in 1885. A pitched ball fractured his skull. As reported by the Brockton 'Weekly Gazette': "McGunnigle dodged the first ball thrown at his head...with the second (pitch) he needed to drop to all fours to save himself...The unfortunate batsman could not avoid the (third) ball in time, and it struck him directly behind the left ear which caused a crash that was heard in every part of the grounds. Poor "Mac" fell like an animal beneath a butcher's axe, and his quivering form was drawn up in agony as he lay upon the ground." **(You can love baseball, but baseball doesn't always love you back)** Dick Conway's Major League numbers: 3 Years, 15-24, 4.78 ERA, 121 SO, and 137 W. The man couldn't find the plate but he found 'Gunner's head. In 1897 fate knocked again for "Gunner". An automobile struck a carriage carrying McGunnigle and other men in an accident, throwing them out of the vehicle. McGunnigle was chronically ill thereafter, and home ridden for the last months of his life. He died at age 44 and is buried at St. Patricks Cemetery in Brockton. William was

once described as a “Buffalo Frenchman with oiled sideburns and padded nethers, who cavorted in right field.” Obituary from the Brockton Daily Enterprise: A GREAT MAN IN BASE BALL-Death of W.H. McGunnigle, Player and Manager-For Two Years Best Right Fielder in the League-WON SEVERAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HIS TIME-William H. McGunnigle, known by all ball players and patrons of the national game throughout the length and breadth of this country as “Billy” McGunnigle, a player, captain, and manager of exceptional ability, died last night at 5 o’clock at his home at 35 Arch Street in this city. His illness dates from the time over a year ago when he was the victim of an electric car accident at Salisbury square. At that time his left leg was injured. It bothered him up to the time of his death, and toward the latter days of his life his whole left side was affected by a sort of paralysis and his left leg shortened materially. At times he was quite well with the exception of this trouble but about three weeks ago he was taken ill with the grip and this developed to pleuro-pneumonia. He sank gradually and it was plainly to be seen that the end was coming. The best of medical skill could not cure him and several days ago he became unconscious. He remained unconscious until the time of his death which occurred at 5 o’clock yesterday afternoon. Since that time telegrams have been flying from prominent base ball men from all over the country, offering consolation to the sorrowing widow. McGunnigle had a few days ago reached 44 years of age, and until his accident had always enjoyed good health, as would be natural for a man who had spent so many years in active athletic work. He leaves a widow and a large family of children. Captain McGunnigle, as he was familiarly known began to play ball about 30 years ago. He was a catcher then and he also had the usual pitching ability which every young player possesses to a greater or less degree. He became a member of the old ‘Howards’ and played with them through 1874, and then went to Fall River, where he became a widely known player of the minor league class. His talents as an all-round player attracted attention and his rise was rapid till in 1878 and 1879 he figured as the star right fielder and change pitcher with the Buffalo, N.Y. leaguers, of which club the regular twirler was the famous “Jeems” Galvin. In ’79 he pitched for his team against the Brocktons, then including Ed. Shaunessy, Gene Stoughton, Donovan Kent Howard, Bobby Fair, Owen F. Canary, Quinn, McLaughlin, and others on the old Court Street grounds. It was in these two years that he wore the Clipper medal as the best of the country’s right fielders. He is credited in the traditions of the game with having made one catch while in Buffalo that was at least equal to Gochnaur’s sensational catch at Taunton in 1897, and was the same kind of play—catching a home run hit just as it was going over the fence (shades of Al Luplow). After considerable experiences, some of it in the West, McGunnigle returned to this city, and in 1885 started a base ball team with Harry S. Bicknell as a side partner. Grounds were secured at Grove and Main Streets, and a team was organized for the New England League. The best known member perhaps, outside of McGunnigle himself, was the brilliant James A. Cudworth, who had a superior as a judge of difficult fly balls hit right in the glare of the sun. The team prospered and some money was made. The team finished second. In 1886 a company was formed to carry on the game. Mr. Bicknell remained in it and McGunnigle was the manager. The venture this second year was not financially successful. On the team during that year appeared such players as Cudworth, Tommy McCarthy, Coughlin3B, Owney Patton, S.S., “Big Jim” Davis, 3B, Billy Hawes and Campana, 1B, Meister, 2B, Charlie Willis, P, Dan Burke and Eddie Thayer, C.,

Henry Burns, R.F., McGunnigle, Tuckerman, Dilworth and others, along with Willis, as the twirling force. McGunnigle after getting through for the time with Brockton won several championships as a manager. The most sensational was during his management of the Brooklyn in the American Association. That resulted in a banquet being tendered him when he returned to this city in the fall. A band met him at the railroad station, and amid red fire and marching escorts, he was driven to the Hotel Belmont, where he was the toast of all present and the theme for congratulatory telegrams from well known lovers of the game all over the country. In 1892 he took the management of the Brocktons after the starters of the team dropped out, and finished the season at Highland Park as right fielder, pitcher, and manager. His averages were in the middle of August, when the team had nearly finished its season, .212 for batting and .828 for fielding. He played regularly no more after that season. In 1896 he managed the Louisville leaguers for a while, and after that abandoned base ball as a business, though he retained a keen interest in the sport. William H. McGunnigle was one of the cleverest base ball men in many ways that ever stepped before a base ball loving public. In his best days he had the game reduced to an exact science. He played ball with his brains. He was not a man of powerful physique; not a slugger at the bat or a fast thrower; not remarkable for the fashion in which he could make wonderful catches. When he went into the pitcher's box he had comparatively little speed, and away back in 1885 his arm was so nearly gone that it was only by throwing his body with it that he could get speed on the ball he delivered. Yet for several years after that he was a dangerous foe in a game against even the best of minor league teams. How did he hold his base ball eminence during this time? : Simply through the possession of first class base ball brains. He knew a player's strong points and weaknesses after he had once faced him. He could deliver an apparently easy ball to a home run batsman time after time, when he was pitching, that would result in a fly or a weak grounder, because he knew just where to put the ball so that the batsman's favorite weakness was consulted in the ball's height or curve. He was a terror to opposing pitchers. Getting a good position on the coaching lines, he would follow the movements of the twirler for a few moments, and then would return to the players' bench, at least three times out of five, with the theory as to the pitcher's signs that was more or less correct-sufficiently near the truth at all events to greatly aid in his own batsmen, and to rattle the enemy, who would soon get the idea that "Mac" knew every move the pitcher in advance. He seldom hit the ball for more than a base-in one season we recall but one long hit that he made, and that a two-bagger-but with men on the bases he had a wonderful faculty for "sizing up" a good ball or waiting for a base on called balls. If he hit the ball it would be a very likely to pop just over the heads of the infield, advancing the men another base and perhaps sending in runs. He was skillful, too, in working the pitchers for base on balls, and so between these two points of excellence he was a timely man to have at the bat in an emergency. He was a great schemer as a captain and manager. With ordinarily sharp men in any team that he controlled he was able to conceive and have carried out points of play that had seldom or never been tried before. Any crew of players in McGunnigle's control was a team to be feared. Nobody knew what they would do if the game became close. McGunnigle was severely injured in 1886 while playing with Brockton against Lawrence. The famous (or infamous) "Dick" Conway was pitching for Lawrence and he had been shooting the ball close to the batsmen to drive them away from the plate. There was no rule then which gave a man a

base when hit by the pitcher, and the fast pitchers were therefore dangerous to a degree, a batsman's only hope of escape being to dodge. Conway, with McGunnigle at the bat, sent a lightning drive right at his head. It struck the batsman fairly with a crash that could be heard in the grand stand, and he dropped as if shot. He was taken home in a practically senseless state, and in the effects of the awful blow that he received lingering with him for a considerable time. McGunnigle had a standing as an actual player of base ball for a period of perhaps 25 years—a record that few men ever equaled. As a manager he made his last appearance at the head of the Louisville league team in 1896. He got some good work out of the club, started the players on a winning streak, and got a great reception. When he walked out into the field before 9000 people at one Sunday game, he was cheered to the echo, and treated as royally as a Melba or an Eames in an American opera house. But there were too many interests working against him; others "wanted his job," and McGunnigle after a few weeks service had to drop out. He got the short end of the deal with the Louisville club in ways about which the general public knew nothing. Capt. McGunnigle's playing record after he became noted in professional circles included Buffalo, 1878 and 1879, and then he was out of base ball till 1883, when he played in **Saginaw, Mich.**, acting as captain and manager part of the time. He played in 1884 in **Bay City, Mich.**, catching some games, one of the pitchers that he received being John Clarkson, afterwards of the "\$10,000 beauties," Clarkson and Kelly, of Chicago and Boston. In 1885-1886 he was in this city, and next year in Lowell, where he won the New England League championship. In '88 and '89 he managed the Brooklyn American Association team, the team coming in second the first year and first the second year. He remained with Brooklyn in 1890 and part of '91, and then went to Pittsburgh, where he remained part of the season. At Pittsburgh he lifted the team somewhat in the race. In 1892 he managed the Brocktons the latter half of the season, and the team won 12 straight games after he took hold and finished the season in a respectable position in the New England League. He then dropped out of base ball till 1896, where he had a brief experience as manager of the Louisvilles.

BALL PLAYER LAID AT REST—Large Number at Funeral of "Billy" McGunnigle—Floral Tributes Were Sent by Sorrowing Friends—OLD TIME BALL PLAYER ONE OF THE BEARERS—The remains of the late William Henry McGunnigle, who for so many years has been one of the most noted and popular figures in the base ball world, were laid at rest with the impressive ceremonies of his church this morning. The last sad rites were attended by a large number of relatives and friends, who nearly filled the auditorium of St. Patrick's church, where they were held. A service was held first at the late home of the famous base ball manager, at 35 Arch Street. From there the long procession moved to St. Patrick's Church, where requiem mass was celebrated at 9:45 o'clock. The funeral cortege was preceded by a carriage which was weighted down with large and beautiful tributes from the sorrowing friends of the deceased. The mass was celebrated with impressive solemnity by Rev. Fr. Crowley. The music of the mass was furnished by Organist William G. Clifford, while the solos were sung sweetly by Miss Eva Auglim and Mr. Robert P. Barlow. Among the bearers who bore the remains of one whom through years of constant association he had learned to love and respect, was Mr. James Cudworth of Lowell, one of the best known of the old-time base ball players in New England, and who is especially remembered in this city as playing under the deceased's management with the old Brockton team. The other bearers were Brocktonians who have been associated in different ways closely with

the deceased. They were John Thomas Hughes, Arthur H. Dorgan, Patrick McIntee,^{2nd}, Thomas Condon, and David Sullivan. The interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. The larger part of the floral offerings, were exceedingly handsome and large set pieces, although there were numerous smaller tributes. Among the most notable were the following: Pillow, "Husband," wife; standing crescent and star, employees of Brockton Times; calla lilies, Mr. Mrs. David Sullivan; standing crescent and star, Brockton Bar Association; standing crescent, Mr. John and Miss Rose McCarthy; standing cross; "Papa," children; large pillow, Mrs. Thomas Kenney, Avon; bouquet of pinks, parochial school children; large bouquet of pinks and lilies, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Anderson, and many other smaller bouquets. Since the death of Mr. McGunnigle the members of the family have constantly been receiving by word of mouth, telegraph, and mail expressions of the deepest condolence and sympathy in their bereavement. Among the telegrams received expressing regrets and sympathy were those from Fred Doe, James Cudworth, and Mr. Edward McGunnigle, brother of the deceased, who was in Cincinnati and did not receive word of his death in time to be present at the funeral services."

[McGunnigle's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 81 G, 311 AB, 56 R, 74 H, .238 BA. His fielding average was .814 in 77 games.](#)

John Gibson Clarkson: 22 Years old, Pitcher (5'10" 155). John was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on July 1st, 1861 and died of pneumonia in Belmont or Winthrop, Massachusetts on 2/4/1909 at the age of 47. Teams: Worcester Ruby Legs (1882), Saginaw Old Golds (1883-1884, played CF, RF, LF, 1B, 3B, and P-won 52 games as a pitcher in 2-years), Chicago White Stockings (1884-1887), Boston Beaneaters (1888-1892), and the Cleveland Spiders (1892-1894). John was brought to Saginaw by Art Whitney. Art had seen John pitch the year before against Detroit when Art played for the Wolverines and John pitched against them for Worcester. Major League numbers: 12 Years, 531 G, 328-178, .648 PCT, won 30 games or more 6-times, 485 CG, 37 SH, 4536 Innings, twice hurled over 600 innings in a season, completed 94% of his starts, 1978 SO, and a 2.81 ERA. John won 53 games in (1885), 38 (1887), and 49 in (1889). Clarkson tossed a no-hitter on 7/27/1885. He was elected into the Baseball HOF in 1963 (that took some time). **Bill James, a famous baseball historian rates John Clarkson as the 6th greatest M.L. pitcher of all-time.** Clarkson had a great change of pace pitch and a wide variety of curve balls. In 1888 he was sold to Boston for \$10,000.00, a huge amount for that era. He pitched in the two World Series: 1885 (2G, 0-1, 1.12 ERA) and 1886 (4 G, 2-2, 2.03 ERA). [John on 9/5/1886 beat the Detroit Wolverines 11-7 for his 9th straight win against that year's pennant winner, a record that still stands today.](#) [Saginaw's Bob Buhl beat the 1956 pennant winning Dodgers 8-times.](#) Clarkson was intelligent, sensitive, handsome, and generally subdued (**as in grump ass**), but was not above certain acts of indiscretion on the field. In one game, approaching darkness, he threw a lemon up to the plate to see if the ump noticed it was too dark to pitch. John pitched in the day when the mound was 50 feet from home plate. When it was moved back to 60 feet he retired at 32 years old. **In 1906 while living in retirement in Michigan, Clarkson suffered a breakdown, was declared insane, and spent the rest of his life in and out of mental hospitals.** In Bay City he lived with Ella and his brother Arthur on 1200 Sixth Street, Bay City. John owned and operated a cigar and snack shop at Center and Washington in Bay City. In 1895, John played local baseball and managed a Bay City team. **Clarkson**

Park in Bay City, Michigan was named after him (dedicated 5/17/1909). John's two brothers were also Major Leaguers: Arthur Hamilton Clarkson (39-39, 4.90 ERA) and Walter Hamilton Clarkson (18-16, 3.17 ERA). The three brothers won 385 games. Little known fact: John was a close friend of Charlie Bennett, a famous Major League catcher. When John and Charlie were on a road trip in 1894, Bennett slipped under train tracks trying to catch a train and lost both of his legs. Bennett Park, first home of the Detroit Tigers, was named in his honor. Bennett threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the season for the Tigers every year through 1926. Saginaw's "Red" McKee and Archie Yelle were there catching for seven of those years (1913-1919).

John Clarkson's batting stats with Saginaw in 1883: 64 G, 288 AB, 61 R, 84 H, and a .292 BA. His fielding average in the outfield was .705 in 30 games. As a pitcher he had a .894 FA in 21 games. He pitched 23 games, no record listed in the Reach Guide for 1883. In 1884 Clarkson was 31-8 in 42 games pitched for the Saginaw 'Old Golds'.

2/01/1909: News headline: JOHN CLARKSON ILL.-Has Pneumonia at Home of Parents at Winthrop-Reported Improving Now, After a Serious Stage Last Week- "John Clarkson of Bay City, Mich., the old baseball player, is passing through a serious illness here at the home of his parents. On Friday it was feared that double pneumonia was developing and the attending physician informed the members of the family that both lungs of the patient appeared to be affected. During the time that has since elapsed the patient has rallied wonderfully and tonight he was believed to have passed the critical point and be well on the road to recovery.

2/04/1909: News headline: J.G.CLARKSON, PITCHER, DEAD-Was Famous Player in the National League Twenty Years Ago-John G. Clarkson, whose name twenty years ago was known to every baseball enthusiast as the greatest pitcher of the National League, died yesterday at McLean Hospital in Waltham, Mass., of pneumonia. He had been in poor health for almost three years. He was born near Boston and at an early age chose baseball as his profession. Walter Clarkson, a brother, became connected with the New York Americans, and Arthur Clarkson, another brother played with the National League. All became pitchers. John G. Clarkson joined the Chicago Nationals in 1884 (after 2 years with Saginaw). He won 55 out of 70 games for them in 1885, a record never equaled by any pitcher before or since. With Mike Kelly, the catcher, he was sold to the Boston Club in 1889 for \$10,000, and won 53 out of 72 games for them. The teamwork of himself and catcher Kelly won the pennant for Boston in 1891 and 1892. He next pitched for the Cleveland team. Ned Hanlon, subsequently offered him a large sum to sign a contract with the Baltimore Club, but Clarkson retired and opened a cigar store in Bay City, Mich. (Ned Hanlon's Baltimore teams won the National League titles from 1894 to 1896. Ned's 1313 wins as a manager rank 26th all time. Ned went into the Baseball HOF in 1996.) Clarkson continued to conduct this establishment until three years ago when his mind began to fail. He has recently been cared for by relatives. Further funeral excerpts: John Clarkson, the former well-known baseball pitcher, died at 11:12 this forenoon at the McLean hospital. The cause of death was pneumonia. He was brought to the hospital Tuesday from his home in Winthrop suffering from shock incidental to a severe attack of pneumonia. He had continued to fail since his arrival at the local institution Mrs. Clarkson was with him when he died. John G. Clarkson was born in Cambridge July 1, 1851, and as a youngster always was fond of all athletic sports, being especially fond of baseball. He first attracted attention as a pitcher with the famous

amateur Beacon team of Boston, and in 1882 he was offered and accepted a position as pitcher on the Worcester team of the National League. When Arthur Whitney was engaged to manage the **Saginaw, Mich. club** in 1883 he signed Clarkson as one of his pitchers. Clarkson remained with **Saginaw until Aug 14, 1884** when the club was disbanded. The Clarkson family has made a great name in baseball. **Arthur Clarkson** used to pitch for the Baltimore Orioles and other big teams; **Henry Clarkson** played center field on the Harvard nine in 1896. **Walter Clarkson** pitched for Harvard for four seasons and was captain in 1903 and 1904, later being with the N.Y. Highlanders and the Cleveland club in the American League. At Harvard, Walter was known as a curve and drop ball pitcher. He has retired, and is now in business in Cleveland. **Fred Clarkson**, the youngest of the boys, was equal to the others as an all-round player, although he never played professional league ball.

JOHN G. CLARKSON AT REST.-Funeral of Former Well-Know Baseball Man Held in Mt. Auburn Chapel, Cambridge. The funeral of John G. Clarkson, formerly a well-known baseball player, and known as one of the \$10,000 beauties, was held yesterday afternoon at Mt. Auburn Chapel, Cambridge. The chapel was crowded, the congregation including several well known baseball men. The service was conducted by Rev Dr. Edward M. Gushee, rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, Cambridge, and was very simple in its character. The following were the pall bearers: Messers **Charles** and Wilson Hubbell, **Charles** A. Sawyer, John Morrill, **Charles** Faunte, and **Charles** White. The Weber male quartet sang "Abide with me" ("In life, in death, O Lord, abide in me"), "Lead Kindly Light," ("In the calm light of everlasting life") and "Asleep in Jesus." ("But there is still a blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep).

In the audience were: T.H. Murnane, Martin M. Hackett, **Hugh Duffy**, Thomas McCarthy, Timothy Keefe, Lawrence Schaffer, and George Dobe. There were floral tributes from the National League Association, the Boston Nationals, the Chicago Nationals, **Bay City Lodge of Elks**, from Hugh Duffy, and Thomas McCarthy. Walter Clarkson, brother of John is in Cleveland and was unable to be present. After the service the body was taken to Cambridge Cemetery for burial in the family lot. **Bay City newspaper excerpt: "In 1895, Clarkson obtained his release from Cleveland and came to Bay City to purchase in September of that year the cigar store of William Southworth, the latter having received fatal injuries at the crossing of Center and Lincoln avenues while riding his wheel, a horse driven by a boy running into him. Mr. Clarkson branched out into the wholesale business in connection with the retail department, having a store on Fifth Avenue in the Marston block and a retail store in the Phoenix block. In this business Mr. Clarkson remained until 1905 (10 years), when there was signs' of his mind breaking down. He was placed in a retreat and kept for several months, but the physicians gave no hope of his recovery and Mrs. Clarkson, thereupon took him to the home of his parents in Winthrop, near Boston. Mr. Clarkson was a member of Bay City Lodge, No. 129, F. & A.M., and Bay commandery, No. 26, K.T. Boston Post story of John's death: JOHN CLARKSON IS WITH KELLY NOW-Greatest Curve Pitcher Game Ever Saw Dies in Waverly-Once Bought for \$10,000-John Clarkson, the greatest master of curve ball pitching that ever stood in the centre of the diamond, is no more. He passed away yesterday at McLean Hospital, Waverly, the victim of pneumonia. To the present day fan the name of Clarkson means but little; 20 years ago it was a household word. With the single exceptions of his mate in the famous \$20,000 battery, "King" Kelly,**

Clarkson was the most discussed player in the country during 1888 and 1889. Clarkson was born in Cambridge July 1, 1861, and picked up his first knowledge of the national game on the sand lots of that city. He became a member of the Webster school nine in 1878, for awhile occupying the position of catcher. Towards the close of the school season he shifted to the pitcher's position and made good from the start. In 1880 he joined the famous old Beacons of this city and for two years pitched every game that club, which was considered a worthy opponent by major league managers, participated in. He remained with the Beacons until 1882, when he was signed by Manager Mason of the Worcester National League club to play third base and act as change pitcher. Illness prevented him from participating in many of the games that year, but his work attracted the attention of **Arthur Whitney**, who was then finishing his National League career as a member of the old Detroit. When Whitney organized the **Saginaw** club of the old Northwestern League, the following year, he signed Clarkson as pitcher. Under the ex-Wolverine's management, Clarkson rapidly developed. In 1883 he won 34 out of 42 games he twirled for that team, and to his work the high standing of the **Saginaw** club was largely due. The next year (1884) he again signed with **Saginaw** and remained with that club until the disintegration of the Northwestern League in June. Against Peoria that year he officiated in three successive games, blanking his opponents in all but one of the 27 innings. In one of these games he struck out 19 men, equaling Charlie Sweeney's record, made the same year against Boston. When Clarkson was released there was a mad scramble of major league managers to secure his services. The Cincinnati and Boston clubs made liberal offers to the rising star, but Anson was successful in signing him. He finished out the year with the Chicago White Stockings. He pitched in but 12 games that season, the number of runs earned off his pitching being less than two per game. In 1885 and 1886 Clarkson's great pitching won the pennants for his team and though less successful in the following year 1887, he was still the mainstay of the club in the box, winning 38 of the 58 games he pitched. After prolonged negotiations between A.G. Spaulding of Chicago and the Boston triumvirs, Clarkson's release was purchased for \$10,000. He was signed by the Boston club April 5, 1888, and made his initial bow to the Boston public on Fast Day of that year, pitching against a picked nine and winning easily. He opened the regular season April 20, with a 4 to 3 victory in Philadelphia. He was not defeated until May 2 when the N.Y. Giants won 2 to 1. Clarkson pitched the longest game of his career this season, though defeated by 11 to 5 in 15 innings, then the longest game played in Boston, he never showed better control in his long career. The writer had the good fortune to be present at the game and can testify to the remarkable control that Clarkson showed during the whole contest. But one base was given by him in the 15 innings. But Detroit, the greatest natural hitting team ever assembled, was not to be denied, and gradually wore down Clarkson, until in the 15th inning he gave way under the strain and was batted for six hits and as many runs. Clarkson's most successful season was in 1889. He pitched in 72 games of the 128 played by the Boston club, and won 53 of these, a percentage of .736. Keefe of New York, who had the next best percentage, .732, pitched in but 41 games, winning 30. On the western trip, when the Boston and New York clubs were running neck and neck, Clarkson went in day after day without murmuring and turned in the victories with a clock-like regularity. In 1890 the strong Brotherhood movement threatened to disrupt the older organization, Clarkson remained true to the National League. But he was not the pitcher of old, and though he

recovered from the next year (1891), in 1892, his work slumped so badly that the Boston club released him to Cleveland in mid-season. With that club he finished his baseball career. Clarkson, as a player had saved his money, and at the close of the season of 1892 embarked in the tobacco business in **Bay City, Mich.** For some years things went on swimmingly, and Clarkson seemed to be on the road to wealth, when failing health a few years ago obliged him to retire from business. He came east for treatment several months ago. He passed away in Waverly. Excerpts from an article in 1911: "Clarkson knew the other chaps numbers. He stored the knowledge away in a special brain cell, and when next a ball player thus recorded came up to face the fancy pitcher, you may be sure he was dealt with the sort of ball he least liked, and that was the way Clarkson won games." "There was Clarkson's sensitiveness to criticism or commendation. Find fault with him, and he'd bleed at the heart, and go into the next game under a cold collar. Hand him a gracious helping of salve and he was proud as a dog with two tails, which, after all, only goes to show that John Clarkson was a human being." Story told in 1912: "A gray-haired warrior of the 90's in the fanning bee at the hotel where the Reds were stopping at New York said, while the boys were discussing the great men who have gone: "Old King Kelly was the best fellow of them all. He was not only the jolliest sport of the whole bunch after the game; he was not only the live wire and best entertainer in the progress of a battle, but he had a heart that took in not only the seasoned veteran who played beside him, but even the greenest youngsters that might appear on hostile teams. The average veteran loves to take advantage of the juveniles of the opposing club. He turns his quick tricks of play upon them; if he is a pitcher, he fattens his strikeout record at their expense, and if he is an infielder he is always figuring some way to make monkeys out of them as they try to round the bases. Kelly, however, preferred to play his tricks upon the big stars and the hardy veterans-and the King would never try to turn anything that could harm either a kid or a tottery old fellow's chance of staying on the salary roll. "I know for Kel saved me. Back in 1886, when **Clarkson** and **Kelly** were **Anson's** biggest cards, I broke in with the old Detroit-and for several days I was surely up against it. My heart was up in my throat, and I worried to death. Couldn't find the ball, couldn't hit a lick on earth. I was fielding all right, but it looked as if my failure to hit would surely ditch me. "We arrived in Chicago, and for the first time in my life, I faced John Clarkson. As luck would have it, Chicago came through with a flood of runs in the first inning, and practically clinched the game. That gave Kelly a margin he could work on and the chance to be generous without doing harm to the Chicago team. I came up in the second inning, and my heart fluttered as John Clarkson posed upon the box-line. Suddenly I heard a whispering, kindly Irish voice behind me-the voice of King Kel, "What do hit best boy?" spoke the voice. "Tell me, and I'll have him put one right there for you." (shades of Denny McLain and Mickey Mantle). "I can hit'em fast and waist high." I, stammered hardly believing what I heard, and from behind me Kelly must have signed for just that kind of ball. Anyway, in it came, and I swung on it for two bases." "I was up again in the fifth-nobody on base-and again came the friendly voice of the King. "Watch for another of the kind, lad-I'll see that you get it." And in it came. This time I soared it for three bases, way down the left field line. By this time, I could feel confidence coming back, and fairly gushing through my veins. When I came in for my third bat, Kelly whispered: "Feel all to the good, son?" "I sure do" was my answer. "Well, then look out for yourself, boy. John is getting wise to the game. You're all right

now-take a chance.” And I leaned on a wide curve for a single. “That night I was ace-high with the management, for I had made three hits off John Clarkson. From that time on I held my own, and I went along for 14 years. But for Mike Kelly, I might not have lasted for 14 days. Is it any wonder that I still think and shall always think, that there was none quite like him.” Near the end of Clarkson’s career he spent some time in sanitariums. Other ugly baseball career endings as listed in a 1906 newspaper: **Jimmy “Chippy” McGarr**, former Clarkson teammate: he died in the Massachusetts State Asylum. Before he died he almost choked his wife to death when she came to visit. **Win Mercer**, the great Detroit pitcher, horse race fan, and renowned ladies man committed suicide. Side story: One Ladies’ Day game in 1897 ended in shambles when women rioted after Umpire Bill Carpenter ejected Mercer. According to Nash and Zullo, “an army of angry females pored out of the stands. They surrounded Carpenter, shoved him to the ground and ripped his clothing. Finally police brought the situation under control.” **Marty Bergen**: A Boston Beaneater ballplayer was by far the worst: When he was 28 years old, the eccentric catcher who was at the height of his career, ended his life in a horrific bloodbath, Bergen killed his wife and two children (Florence age 6 ½ and Joseph age 3) with an axe and then cut his own throat with a straight razor (his head was nearly severed off) in North Brookfield, Massachusetts on January 19th, 1900. In 1934 Connie Mack and George M. Cohan raised money for a granite memorial to Bergen. It read: “In memory of Martin Bergen, 1871-1900. Member of the Boston national club. Erected in appreciation of his contribution to America’s national game.”

Early Saginaw Base Ball History:

1819: First Settlement in Saginaw.

1847: First shipment of Saginaw Pine was sent to New York, triggers demand out East for the high quality timber. Population in Saginaw in 1850 was 2,609. In 1884 it was 75,813.

1869: The Detroit Base Ball Club beat the **Athletes of Saginaw** 48-11.

1870: Saginaw had a team called **the Actives of Saginaw** that played ball against a few local cities. Not too active.

8/01/1876: Emancipation Day, August 1 celebration of the freeing of the slaves in the West Indies, was commemorated in East Saginaw in 1876 by a game between the African American **Unique Club** and the white **Continental Club**. Unfortunately, the opportunity to increase harmony was lost when the **Uniques** claimed that they had won 21-14, while the **Continentials** contented that they had won by forfeit.”

5/09/1878: Providence beat Boston. Paul Hines executed base ball’s 1st triple play.

7/04/1878: An integrated club was the Courier nine of Saginaw. On July 4, 1878, the Courier nine put up a tough fight against the Plymouth Club, than considered the top club in the state. However, none of the accounts of the game thought it necessary to mention that **Saginaw catcher and club assistant captain Will H. Smith was an African American. His race only emerged when an article six years later casually mentioned Smith had been playing for the Black Stockings of St. Louis, Missouri.**

9/03/1880: 1st night game: Jordan Marsh & Co. tied R.H. White & Co. 16 to 16. Game was played at Nantucket Beach.

1881 **News Story**: “**William McGunnigle**, the popular right fielder of the Buffalos, has secured the base ball head quarters on Franklin Street near Erie Street and will run it in

the winter. He has had the enterprise thoroughly renovated and made much more attractive. A handsome sideboard has been placed in the front part of the room, from which Mac will dispense light liquid refreshments and cigars. Carpets have been put down around the billiard tables, and the counterfeit presentations of the members of last year's nine and other prominent players will adorn the walls. [Mr. McGunnigle](#) expects to have all of the pictures of all provincial teams of the county. He will keep the leading sporting papers on file and here will be found at all times the latest news." [YES BASEBALL'S IST SPORTS BAR.](#)

[5/02/1881](#): The Detroit Wolverines played their 1st Major League game in front of 1,286 fans at Recreation Park. The wooden grandstand was located between Brady and Willis Avenue. The stadium was demolished in 1894. There is a historical marker in place today in what was once left field. In 1887 the Detroit Wolverines won the National League with a record of 79-45. They won the World title beating the St. Louis Browns 10 games to five.

[1882](#): Peak year of Lumber Era: 1,001,274,905 board feet of timber cut in mills along the Saginaw River. The last log that went down the Saginaw River was in 1925. It takes 100 years to grow a pine. They still stand at Hartwick Pines State Park in Grayling, Michigan.

[8/18/1882](#): Providence beat Detroit 1-0 in 18 innings. John Ward and Weidman pitched every inning. Tom Forster, who played in Saginaw a year later, was on 2nd base for Detroit. He went 0 for 6 with 2 P.O., 4 A., and 2 E. Art Whitney, who also went to the 'Old Golds' a year later played S.S. for the Wolverines of Detroit. He was 2 for 6, with 1 P.O., 11 A., and 0 E. Charles 'Old Hoss' Radbourn hit a home run over the leftfield fence in the 18th for the win. Detroit Free Press excerpts: **The Detroit Beaten in the Greatest game of Ball Ever Played-SEVENTEEN INNINGS PLAYED WITHOUT A RUN BEING SCORED**-Base Ball-The Detroit-Providence game of yesterday is unrivaled in the history of the league, although not in base ball annals. In 1877 the Harvards and Manchesters played a twenty-four inning game without a run being made. In the same year the Stars of Syracuse and the St. Louis Browns played a scoreless game of fifteen innings, and the Buckeyes and Tecumsehs played a drawn game of eighteen innings, the score being one each. The league has witnessed some wonderful contest, but nothing like that of yesterday. Soper made a double row of ciphers clear across his blackboard, tacked on a sheet of paper and had sent for a yard of muslin to stretch across Jefferson Avenue, when the intelligence came that the game had ended and that the unlucky Detroit had lost it. The FREE PRESS special from Providence states that the game eclipsed anything ever before seen there, and was finally won on Radbourne's lucky hit over the leftfield fence, which would have been a sure out at Recreation Park, and was nearly a foul ball. (Art) Whitney did great work at shortstop. (Detroit had 9 hits and Providence 8).

[10/22/1882](#): The Saginaw Base Ball Club of East Saginaw, Michigan was incorporated.

[9/23/1883](#): Ladies ball game played in New York, score: Brunettes 54 Blondes 22.

[1883 Saginaw Time line:](#)

[1883 to 1886](#): Leila Marie Koerber (born in Cobourg, Ontario, Canada on 11/9/1868) lived with her parents in Saginaw for a time. Lelia went to Moore School on Court. The family lived on 1200 Ames and later at a house located between 5th and 6th avenues on

the east side. She was known as a carrot-top tomboy, wonder if she went to any 'Old Gold' games? One friend remembered her coming over often for her mom's baked coffeecake. Leila's Dad was Alexander Rudolph Koerber, a Music Teacher. Her mom's maiden name was Ann Henderson. Leila once thought of entertaining by dancing on a barrel at the Boardwell Opera House on the 200 block of South Washington. Leila stage debut was in a play called "The Color Guard". The play helped raise money for the new Saginaw National Guard Armory. She also was in a play (Under Two Flags) at the Teutonia Opera House in 1885. Years later she returned to Saginaw to perform at the Academy of Music on the corner of Janes and Washington. She became a famous actress and comedian, her stage name was Marie Dressler. She died at age 65 on 7/28/1934 from cancer, heart trouble, and uremia. She made 40 movies, won the 1931 Academy Award for the Best Actress, and wrote a book: "The Life Story of an Ugly Duckling." Leila once said "The movies have given all us old-timers a place to go when we get old. We don't have to look forward to dreary, idle old age anymore. We just came out to Hollywood." To the day she died Marie Dressler claimed Saginaw her home.

1/10/1883: Dr. Mudd died at age 49 years old from pneumonia.

2/15/1883: Saginaw Evening News: "Manager Whitney writes that he has signed W.F. Hunter, of St. Thomas, Ont. in place of Stoughton, who has retired from the profession. Fort Wayne News: The average height of the Ft. Wayne base ball club is 5 feet 5 inches; their average weight 170 pounds and their average age 25 years. The Northwestern League retains the old rule, that the pitcher must deliver the ball below the waist."

2/20/1883: Saginaw Evening News excerpt: "each reserved man not to be paid less than \$1,000 salary (or as high as \$2,000 to \$3,000)."

2/23/1883: Saginaw Evening News excerpt: "One thing is (for) sure, lovers of the sport in the northwest will have no lack of opportunities to witness the liveliest kind of ball playing."

2/27/1883: Saginaw Evening News: "The directors of the East Saginaw Club are jubilant over the personal of the club, and feel confident of victory, not with standing the vain boastings of other clubs." "The lowest number of paid admissions to a league championship game last season was in Worcester, when six persons were present. The largest number present at any game was at St. Louis, where over 20,000 paid admissions to one match."

3/01/1883: Saginaw Evening News excerpt: "An exchange says that Lowell, Mass., has turned out more good players (as in Bill Hawes) than any other city of its size in the Union."

3/03/1883: Saginaw News excerpt: "They expect that the schedule will be so arranged that their opening championship games will be with Bay City, as the two cities are rivals in all things, excitement runs high in anticipation of the event."

3/06/1883: Saginaw Evening News excerpt: "President (J.J.) Rust, of the Saginaw club, has received a letter from Dan O'Leary, urging the admission of the newly organized Indianapolis club to the Northwestern League. Dan writes that base ball is "raging red hot" at Indianapolis, and that the club has excellent financial backing."

1883 and 1884: Mayors in the Saginaw area during that era: East Saginaw: Frank Lawrence in 1883 and John S. Estabrook in 1884. In Saginaw it was Peter C. Andre in 1883 and Charles Leinus Benjamin in 1884. Excerpts from Benjamin's Obituary: "Charles L. Benjamin answered the summons that comes once to all at his home on South

Michigan Ave., shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of death and this developed only a few days ago. Charles was born in the town of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, May 13, 1841, and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mills Benjamin, who came to Michigan from New York in 1836. His father died when he was eight years old. His training developed upon his mother, a woman of resourcefulness, which was taxed in order to afford in the early pioneer days an education to the boy that was to develop into such a man as C. L. Benjamin proved to be. He attended the district school until he reached the age of 16. Then he entered the Clarkson academy. After one year in the academy he taught district school winters for three years and attended the academy in the summers. Then for six years he followed farming. In 1867 he came to Saginaw and soon after engaged in the livery and undertaking business. These lines claimed much of his attention during his active business life but were by no means his only business enterprises. In 1867 Saginaw enjoyed the boom that came to many cities shortly after the war. The lumbering industry was passing by leaps and bounds toward the gigantic proportions that it reached a few years later. The population was largely that so often referred to in sketches of early Saginaw when the Red sash brigade, the river men and the woodsmen attracted here by liberal wages earned money rapidly and spent it recklessly. It was the time when the City of Saginaw faced the need of a police department. The organization of this department, devolved upon C.L. Benjamin, who was made marshal and virtual head of the department. His constructive and executive ability was demonstrated and for the succeeding 35 years he held in this community the place cheerfully extended to men who can construct and execute. The police department was simply a stepping stone. In public affairs, in political affairs, in community affairs C.L. Benjamin was a recognized leader. Twenty odd years ago one said of him: "To meet Mr. Benjamin in a social way is truly a pleasure. He is a splendid type of the shrewd, industrious, successful man of business that has developed in Michigan and other western states. In 1884 he was elected mayor of the old city of Saginaw and re-elected in 1885. Mr. Benjamin was a lover of fine horses and gave much attention to the development of high-bred horses. He took a lively interest in speed contest and for some years conducted one of the best stock farms in this county, giving special attention to the raising of horses. Mr. Benjamin was a truly democratic man. Leaders in state affairs appreciated his counsel and many in the humbler walks of life profited by his advice. Generous in every impulse, optimistic, frank, C.L. Benjamin, before the hand of disease laid hold of him, was truly a foremost citizen. In November 1862, Mr. Benjamin was united in marriage with Miss Alice S. Coney, at Rochester, N.Y. To this union three children were born, Anna H. Benjamin, Mills I. Benjamin, now of this city, and Maud Benjamin, now Mrs. A.F. Cook, of Chicago. Mrs. Benjamin died July 24, 1881. When [Frank Lawrence](#) (Born 12/27/1847-Died 11/5/1900-age 52) passed: **Headline: FRANK LAWRENCE PASSED TO THE GREAT BEYOND SATURDAY NIGHT.** Frank was born in New Orleans. He moved to Detroit in 1857, came to Saginaw in 1868 and went to work for an abstract company. He later established the Courier Printing and Binding Co. Frank was said to be genial and open hearted. His was married to Mary E. Lathrop in 1872, they had three children. [Peter C. Andre](#) (Born 10/17/1817-Died 11/1/1902-age 85). It was stated Andre was "a man of remarkable energy, indomitable will, sanguine temperament, public spirit and natural leadership." He was born in Detroit, came to Saginaw and bought the American

Fur Co. on Niagara and Mackinaw streets in 1846, he became huge in real estate (dealt in farms, pine, grass lands, city lots, dwelling houses, salt, and mill properties) and he got the Saginaw Courthouse built in 1864. He married Clarissa M. Stark in 1846 and lived in the 400 block of Court Street. The couple later built a beautiful home at Court and Charles. They had two children. Peter had 10 brothers and sisters. Andre was in the newspaper business 10 years and owned a harness race track. The man had one prodigious nose. [John Estabrook](#) (Born 1/22/1826-Died 10/7/1903-age 77). Headline: WELL KNOW PIONEER LUMBERMAN NO MORE. During his Mayor-ship the lumberman strike happened (they wanted 10-hour days) and the Genesee Bridge collapsed killing five people. John was born in Erie County, New York. He came to Saginaw in 1852 and worked as a lumber buyer. He bought a Mill and became a very rich man. John's mother was a lineal descendant of one of the pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower. John's father was a deacon. Some of Estabrook's jobs along with being Mayor were president of the Saginaw board of trade, served as alderman, school inspector, member of the board of water commissioners, police commissioner, and member of the board of public works. It was said he was positive, blunt, outspoken, sturdy, tender, and kind. John was married to Ellen R. Burt in 1854, she died 10 years later. He remarried Helen Norris in 1865, she died in 1887. In 1889 he married Harriet E. Sharp who died in 1902. He had three children.

[3/07/1883](#): The directors of the Saginaw Base Ball Club at their meeting last evening last voted to make a third assessment of 25 percent on the capital stock. Stockholders who prefer to pay their subscription in full can receive their **certificate of stock** by forwarding the balance of their subscription to the treasurer." [Saginaw President John James Rust](#) signed the certificate of stock. They were sold at \$25.00 a share. Team Secretary was W. F. Clarke. A man in Bay City has a stock certificate from the 1883 team. The stock number is # 27 (2 full shares) issued to [Newell Barnard](#), signed the 16th of April, 1883. [Newell Barnard](#) died from angina pectoris a few months later, on July 9th, 1883. [Newell](#) was born in Thornton, New Hampshire on March 19th, 1825. He married on September 12th, 1854 and settled soon after in Saginaw. [Newell](#) was big in the Lumbering and Salt mines. He gave money to many Michigan charities. [Newell](#) was in the State Legislature and just missed being Saginaw's mayor.

[3/09/1883](#): Saginaw News excerpt: "Cloth of **old gold** color, a material that is used in the make-up of the uniform of the Saginaw club, is a scarce commodity and Manager Whitney will procure it "to order." Total equipment cost in 1883: Bat @ \$7.50. Base Ball shoes @ \$6.00, Base Ball shirt @ \$ 5.00. Base Ball pants @ \$5.00, Baseball belt @ \$6.00, and Base Ball sox @ \$1.50. Total cost: \$ 31.00.

[3/14/1883](#): Saginaw News: "**Manager Whitney writes that the uniform of the Saginaw club will be white shirts, pants, and caps with old gold trimmings and cardigans to match, and old gold stockings.**

[3/14/1883](#): In a Northwestern League meeting, **Peoria moved to ban blacks** in order to prevent Toledo from playing star catcher Moses "Fleetwood" Walker. After an "exciting discussion" the motion was withdrawn and Walker was allowed to play. News excerpt: "During the afternoon a bombshell was thrown into camp by a resolution from Mr. Stout, of Peoria, to forbid the employment of colored players. This was aimed at Walker, catcher of the Toledo nine, but it met with such disapprobation that at the evening session

on motion of Mr. Stout, the matter was taken from the record.” J.J. Rust was listed as the East Saginaw team president at the meeting.

3/16/1883: Saginaw Evening News Excerpt: “The management of the Saginaw club have made arrangements to issue a **very attractive score book** for the league games giving the photographs of the members of the two clubs in each game, and a record of the standing of each club up to the time of the game. A limited space will be reserved for local advertising, and the character of the book will make it a very desirable advertising medium.” Bay City Tribune: “In a base ball discussion on the street in East Saginaw a day or two since, a warm supporter of the home team said he thought the Saginaws would defeat the Bay Citys. ‘Why,’ said the other, ‘it would be just as impossible for the Saginaws to down the Bay Citys as it would for **Little Jake** to fill **David Davis’** pants.’ The comparison was too great for the Saginaw man’s comprehension.” The scribe that penciled the above is the champion-‘Nuf ced’.

3/19/1883: Grand Rapids Times: “The subject of uniforms was discussed and resulted in the selection of scarlet suits throughout with the exception of grey stockings, which must be worn according to league rules governing uniforms.”

3/25/1883: Saginaw Evening News story: “Arthur Whitney, manager of the home team, arrived in the city yesterday, and during the afternoon selected a hall for the players to practice deciding the **Armory** was the best for the purpose. Mr. Whitney thinks he has a strong team, and expects the Saginaw club will hold a good place in the championship race. The team will average about 160 pounds in weight, **Casey helping out the average with his 200 avoirdupois**. Some of the best base runners in the league have signed with the home club, McGunnigle, Hawes, and Mansell ranking among the first of professionals in this respect. Mr. Whitney regards his infield as exceptionally strong, Hawes guarding first, Foster second, and Whitney third, while Robinson will look after short. McGunnigle and Hunter will alternate between catcher and right field. The rest of the team will be allotted positions after their work has been practically tested. The club is well supplied with pitchers, Nichols, Clarkson, McArthur, and Whitney, all being at home in the box. The uniforms with the exception of stockings and belts were received yesterday from Lowell, Mass. McArthur will be here next Monday, Mansell on the 28th, and the rest will all be here by April 1st.

4/13/1883: News Excerpt: “W.H. Hawes arrived in town Wednesday evening, and the players are all on hand for the southern trip to Louisville. **The Saginaw boys will have a large sized photograph taken, from which ambrotypes will be printed and placed on sale.** We predict the picture will present as intelligent a lot of faces as any club in the league. The players later had individual studio portraits taken by photographer Daniel Webster Smith at his Gallery on 305 Genesee Avenue. Daniel died at age 91 on November 1, 1942. He was born Feb 12, 1851. Daniel was one of Saginaw’s finest photographers for over a quarter of a century.

4/15/1883: News Excerpt: “The ‘Hoppers’, a club composed of players with only one leg; has been organized for the purpose of playing the ‘Shorkey Nine’, the one-armed ball tossers of Philadelphia.” “Fifty dollars’ worth of base ball goods we’re purchased by the Ohio Reform Farm the other day. The little fellows will have it as cheerful as possible now in their cruel prison.”

4/16/1883: Saginaw Evening News: Rules for the Saginaw ‘**Old Golds**’-set by **management**: **Rule 1**: After coming upon the field in uniform, players must not converse

with reporters, scores, acquaintances, or others in the audience. **Rule 2:** While in uniform players are prohibited from smoking or drinking at a bar or other public place. **Rule 3:** On days set for games on the Saginaw grounds, players are required to appear on the field in uniform in a body; and immediately upon the sounding of the third gong each player will take his proper position in the field and indulge in a preliminary practice or “throw around” until the sounding of the fourth gong. This preliminary practice will be considered as part of the exhibition, and each player is required to enter into it with spirit, and make it as interesting to the audience as possible. **Rule 4:** When about to play a game as “visiting club,” players are required to make their appearance on the field in a body, under the charge of their captain, and indulge in such preliminary practice as may be required by the captain. **Rule 5:** Players are notified that their friends or relatives will not be taken to or from the grounds in conveyances provided by the club, nor will Mr. Tcomplimentary tickets be issued to player’s friends or relatives. (OK no comp tickets). **Rule 6:** The management will recognize no claim for money on account of expenses incurred by any player while absent from the team. **Rule 7:** Players are forbidden from finding fault on the field with another player for errors, or from arguing or attempting to settle disputes in the presence of an audience. The captain shall conduct all arguments in any dispute that may arise during a game, and all members of the nine remain in their positions in the field, or occupy the player’s bench during the controversy. **Rule 8:** Players are forbidden all public or private association with harlots (no harlots?), or with gamblers, or men known to bet on games of ball (the ‘Shoeless’ Joe Jackson/Pete Rose rule). The Bordwell Opera House (house of harlots) on South Washington Street was the most popular whorehouse in Saginaw’s lumbering and salt mining era. I’m sure a few ball players found their way to the stalls in it’s bar. Warren Bordwell, a short mean spirited bastard, was born in 1839 and thankfully died at age 58 in 1897. Spring time Saginaw in 1883 must have been something to see. The lumberman came out of the winter woods with \$300.00 in their pockets to spend on beer, whisky, and fast woman. I’m sure more than a few took in a base ball game when they weren’t punching each other out in the local saloons. Joe Troungo was a bartender at the Bordwell Opera House in 1883. He talked about Bordwell in 1930: “Mr. Bordwell, the manager and lessee of the house was in every sense a true showman. Each Friday he would assemble the band in a wagon drawn by four pure white horses. At the head of this ménage, Bordwell himself would ride astride a cream colored horse, playing a trumpet. This procession went from the Bordwell theatre to the west side, thence to Carrollton, returning to the opera house just in time for the opening of the show. Some of the acts included: McIntyre & Heath, blackface comedians. Zeno, not sure what he did. Jimmy Murphy, a contortionist. A few of Bordwell’s harlots were contortionists. **Rule 9:** Players are not permitted to play at draw poker, pitch a coin, or play any other game of chance whatever for any stake. **Rule 10:** Players are warned that when the team is about to travel it becomes their individual duty to be on hand in ample time for the train or other conveyance. **Rule 11:** The prompt attendance of all players while under contract with this club is required at the club rooms from the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2 p.m. on all week days when the team is at home, except when the player is excused from attendance by the captain. **Rule 12:** Players are required to conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner at all times (not like the Fullerton Hockey team), but especially

when in hotels, railroad cars or other public conveyances or places. They must not act boisterously, nor indulge in rude play.

The rules relating to the **gong** are: **Rule 1:** Upon the first sounding of the **gong** the gates will be opened for the audience, and players will cease practice and retire to the club house. **Rule 2:** Upon the second sounding of the **gong**, twenty five minutes before the commencement of the game, the visiting nine will enter the grounds in a body and take full possession of the field for preliminary practice. **Rule 3:** Upon the third sounding of the **gong**, ten minutes before the commencement of the game, the Saginaw nine will come upon the field, and the visiting nine will immediately give up the field to the home nine and discontinue their practice. **Rule 4:** Upon the fourth sounding of the **gong**, two minutes before the commencement of the game, all preliminary practice shall cease. The captains shall toss for innings and arrange any special ground rules that may be required. **Rule 5:** Upon the fifth sounding of the **gong** the fielding nine, the batter and the umpire will immediately take their positions and commence the game. (The **gong** show is over)

4/18/1883: @ Louisville 12 Saginaw 3, the teams 1st game. News excerpt: "The home club got on to Nichols and pounded him all over the park." The first box score, sent from the Louisville newspaper, and shown in the 'Saginaw Daily Courier' reported the 'Old Golds' as the East Saginaw team. After that they were listed in the newspaper box scores as just Saginaw. The team for the next two seasons in game stories were mostly referred to as the 'Saginaws'. Tom Mudd and I could only find three times in the 'Saginaw Daily Courier' where the team was referred to as the 'Old Golds': **5/18/1883**, **6/5/1883**, and **6/8/1883**. In 1883 Saginaw was two different cities, divided by the Saginaw River. It wasn't until six years later in 1889 when East Saginaw and Saginaw City became one city, Saginaw. **Note, the 1st professional game ever played, was on 5/04/1871 in the National Association, Ft. Wayne 'Kekiongas' shutout Cleveland Forest City 2 to 0.**

4/19/1883: @ Louisville 7 Saginaw 4 in 10-innings.

4/20/1883: @ Dayton 2 Saginaw 8, **the team's 1st win.**

4/20/1883: Saginaw Evening News: "An invoice of base ball posters was received by the Secretary of the Saginaw club on Wednesday- to be used in advertising Northwestern league games in this city, and last evening a number were posted about the city making it known that the Detroit will play the Saginaws here on Thursday and Friday next. The posters are "attractive" and will serve well their purpose, but the following from the Grand Rapids Times is apt: **"They came from a printing house in Toledo, and the appearance would indicate that a Saginaw wood chopper hewed them out with a dull broad ax. The design was probably intended for a batter and a catcher, but the execution would hardly warrant the assumption. The right leg is about as large as a telegraph pole while the left limb resembles a fishing rod. Upon the face of the batter there is a fixed melancholy expression which would indicate that he is wondering where his next month's salary is coming from. The catcher, who stands immediately behind him, looks exactly like a frog."** (I think they didn't like the poster?)

4/21/1883: Playing rule changes in the Saginaw Evening News: "Some important changes were made in the playing rules at the December convention of 1882, bearing upon the season of **1883**. The most prominent being the repeal of the rule allowing the foul bound catch. This will help the batting by reducing the chances for putting the batsmen out. It is quite sufficient that foul balls be caught on the fly, without doubling

the penalty by allowing the bound catch of such balls. **Under the new rules the fly game in its entirety is now the rule of play, and by no other form of catch can a batsman now be put out.** Another important change in the rules was that giving full liberty to the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat either by a pitch, a toss, a jerk, or any form of throwing except that of the over-hand throw. The amended rule governing the delivery of the ball to the bat allows of any movement of the arm, in swinging the hand forward, which is below the line of the shoulder. Before making the forward swing of the arm, the hand can be raised as high as the pitcher chooses; but when the arm is swung forward the hand holding the ball must pass below the line of the pitcher's shoulder, or foul balks are to be called, and three of such balks forfeits the game.

4/26/1883: @ Saginaw 8 Detroit 7, 1st ever professional game played in Saginaw. Detroit had more than a few interesting players on that team that played in Saginaw that day. 'Stump' Wiedman, 9-year M.L. player, he led the National League in ERA in 1881, and had a 101-156 career record with a 3.60 lifetime ERA. He died at age 44. Charlie Bennett, the famous catcher had a stadium in Detroit named after him. Joe Farrell played 4-M.L. seasons: 1489 AB with a .232 BA. He died at age 36. Sam Trott, 8-year M.L. player, 1381 AB with a .264 BA. Ned Hanlon played 13 years and averaged .260. Ned won 1313 M.L. games as a manager- he is in the **Baseball HOF**. George Wood played 13-years and hit .273. He died at 65 years old. Martin Powell played 5 M.L. years and averaged .275. He died at age 31. Frank McIntyre won 2 M.L. games. He died at age 27. Dupee Shaw had a career 82-121 M.L. record. Dick Burns won 25 M.L. games. Ben Guiney was born in Detroit. He batted 12-times and got 1 M.L. hit (.083 BA).

4/27/1883: @ Saginaw 2 Detroit 11. Which team batted first was decided by the team managers with a coin flip.

4/28/1883: @ Saginaw 20 St. Louis 'Black Stockings' 6. The 'Black Stockings' we're a barnstorming Negro team from Missouri. The Cuban Giants of New York and the St. Louis 'Black Stockings' we're the nation's first two black professional traveling teams. John Clarkson pitched his 1st game in Saginaw. He was 2 for 5 as a hitter, scored 2 runs, 1 double, and made 12 assist, and 2 errors. News Excerpt: "Clarkson and Deplanger were the battery for the home team, and worked well together, Clarkson puzzling the visitors considerably." "The game of baseball played yesterday between the home team and Black Stockings (colored), of St. Louis, Mo., proved to rather a one sided affair, the victory, however, being on the right side. During the first few innings it was thought the game would be very close, but the home team gradually drew to the front and at the close of the first half of the ninth inning, had a score of 20 to 6 in their favor. A record of the game by innings, would be too lengthy, as no sharp decisive work was done, consequently none is given." **The St. Louis 'Black Stockings' claimed the mythic "colored championship in 1883. "Ike" Carter played short stop that game for the 'Black Stockings'. One year later he was shot to death breaking into a man's home.**

4/30/1883: @ Saginaw 8 St. Louis Black Stockings 2.

4/30/1883: News excerpt: "The Toledos think they have a phenomenal catcher in Walker, the colored man." Moses "Fleetwood" Walker, who played with Toledo in the Northwestern League in 1883, would become baseball's 1st black Major League ball player when his Toledo team joined the American Association the following season (42 G, 152 AB, and a .263 BA). In 1884 Moses received a threat letter from Virginia. It said if he played against the Richmond 'Virginias' on their home field, he would be taken

from the diamond and lynched. It wasn't until 1947, when Jackie Robinson, took the field with the Brooklyn Dodgers that a black man was back in the Major Leagues.

5/01/1883: @ Bay City 3 Saginaw 4, Clarkson was in CF, going 2 for 5 with a double. 1,410 fans watched Saginaw's first championship game in Bay City. The two teams totaled 15 errors. News Ad: "Admission and grand stand tickets for games played in the city will be on sale at the Bancroft House ticket office." Tickets were also sold at the Hamilton's Drug Store, Mack's Hat Store, Brown and Grant's, The Metropolitan, Moore's Drug Store, and the F.& P.M. Ticket Office. Season tickets were \$10.00, and purchasers thereby saved \$3.75 on the season. Bay City paper: WON BY ONE-The Saginaws Capture the First Game from Bay City's-Base Ball at Other Points-"Yesterday the three great base ball leagues of the country began the contest which determines the championship in each for the season of 1883. The chief interest in the valley centered upon the game between the Bay City's and Saginaw's which was played at Woodside Avenue Park. The rivalry of last season when our home club proved entirely too strong for the team above the bar, seemed only intensified in time and the frequent discussion of the relative merits of the two clubs. Those who had given the matter attention and witnessed the playing of the contestants, knew that the game would be a close and hotly contested one and that a single bit of good fortune might secure victory to the club thus favored. A brighter and more comfortable day for playing or witnessing base ball could not have arranged. As if by special dispensation of the weather department, the Sun asserted his supremacy for the first time in many days and until late afternoon not a cloud threatened the dreaded event of unfavorable weather. Long before the hour announced for the opening of the game there was a rush both from the city and East Saginaw. Our neighbors from above the bar turned out by the hundreds and a constant stream of excited base ball patrons kept the turnstile keeper and ticket sellers hustling for more than an hour. The seating capacity of both grand stands proved insufficient for the accommodation of all who were present and many found seats on the west side of the grounds while trees, fences, cars, and housetops afforded a good view to the irrepressible small boy who had no idea of allowing financial embarrassment to interfere with the enjoyment of seeing the noble game, especially where East Saginaw and Bay City were pitted against each other. The new grand stand was made bright by the gay ribbons and ravishing spring bonnets of the gentler sex, who were heroic partisans of the home club and thought nothing of sacrificing a new pair of seven button kids in applauding a good play of our boys. Some of them even forgot the conventionalities and but half-choked off an incipient war hoop when some particularly fine play promised to send Saginaw home in mourning. It was a gala day with only the one great drawback that the BayCity's were scooped. It was not a crushing defeat or such as weakened the confidence of the home club. It was anybody's game, right up to the finish and about 1,140 hearts were in the same number of mouths from the beginning of the first to the end of the 10th inning. Despite the exciting character of the contest there was the best of order preserved on the grand stand, no betting, no quarreling, or no abuse of the umpire being indulged in; and it is this creditable behavior which permits our best citizens to attend and enjoy this finest of legitimate sports-a fact from which some other cities can obtain a valuable pointer free of charge. The character of the game can best be inferred from the report by innings given below, but it had some features worthy of especial notice. Our usually strongest batters had an off day and failed to find the ball in entirely too many instances. Lavin

and Morrissey, usually so reliable, heard the fatal, “three strikes and out”, until they were disgusted, while Roach wasted two golden opportunities for immortality. The truth is they were too anxious, too much in earnest and our kindly advice is that the outsiders who have a financial interest dependent upon the game keep their own counsels. If each one noticed the players how much he has at stake and that he depends on them to win the money risked, he does all in his power to rattle the boys, for no man can play ball under the strain of feeling that every time he hits the air he is taking a dollar from the pocket of some alleged friend. This is a matter which should not be discussed with the players who are only handicapped by a continual pressure to win the game. The boys will play for all they are worth, and it requires no assurance of ours to convince the people that they are ball players. Common sense will approve the propriety of not increasing their anxiety or feeling that too much is dependent upon them. Lavin and Knowdell did some phenomenal fly catching while Roach made one stop which merited the applause it created. Morrissey covered third base to perfection and Irwin did all that was required of him while McQuade played a faultless game. It was a pretty fight from beginning to end and it may be put down as a fact that the two cities of the valley will make a neck and neck contest for the championship. **The Saginaws were winners and no one felt it a dishonor to be beaten by such a foe. They are a gentlemanly lot of players and are base ballists**, but realize that Bay City is liable to have her full share of the games played. The deciding 10th inning: Lavin pounded the wind three times. Morrissey hit successfully but Forster’s big hands were in the way. O’Day found Mansell on deck in center field in the same way. Clarkson by a mere tap of the ball to the left got safely to first, and then stole second. Hunter flew out to Lavin and Whitney hit for one base sending Clarkson home. Robinson hit for one base and with Whitney was put out by running home on a dead ball. A few more excerpts: Tricky Nickle is well named. Hawes is a thief. He steals bases, but they can’t catch him at it. A large amount of Bay City currency is now circulating in East Saginaw. **Our neighbors accept victory very gracefully, and we ride the other horn of the dilemma with dismal grace.**

5/01/1883: News Excerpt: “The Courier would suggest in all kindness that members of the Saginaw nine refrain from using **profane language** on the field, no matter what the provocation to do so may be. Ladies will not patronize the games if it is indulged in.”

5/03/1883: @ Bay City 8 Saginaw 10. Forster and Robinson got 3-hits each.

5/05/1883: @ Grand Rapids 9 Saginaw 12.

5/08/1883: @ Grand Rapids 6 Saginaw 2.

5/10/1883: @ Toledo 9 Saginaw 11.

5/11/1883: @ Toledo ‘Blue Stockings’ 5 Saginaw 11. Curt Welch was on that Toledo team. He played 10 M.L. seasons averaging .263. Curt was hit by a pitch 173 times (12th all-time) and he stole 453 bases (49th all-time). He died at age 35. Toledo’s Sam Barkley had 2,329 M.L. at bats with a .258 BA. He managed the K.C. Cowboys in 1888. Hank O’ Day in 7-years won 73 M.L. games. He won two World Series games in 1889. One year Hank was 22-13 while pitching over 300 innings in one year (then his arm died). More importantly he umpired for 30 years (1895-1927). On 9/23/1908 he ruled on the most famous play in baseball history-calling Fred Merkle out on a running mistake in a Cubs/Giants 1908 World Series game that gave New York the title.

5/12/1883: @ Toledo 6 Saginaw 8. News Excerpt: “McArthur was cautioned for overhand throwing.” Historical note: **Up until 1883 the pitcher had to deliver the ball**

from below his waist. That year rules changed to allow deliveries up to shoulder-height, and the following year almost all other restrictions on the delivery were removed.

5/15/1883: @ Saginaw 6 Toledo 6, Whitney and Hawes were both 3 for 6. This was the first championship (league game) played on the Saginaw Grounds (650 rain soaked fans). 'Fleetwood' Walker split a finger on a thrown ball from the outfield. His brother Welday would later join the Toledo team and he played against Saginaw the rest of the year.

Weldy Walker had a letter of his printed in the Sporting News on 3/5/1888, commenting on the Tri-State League's proposed ban on black ballplayers. Excerpt: "There should be some broader cause-such as want of ability, behavior and intelligence-for barring a player than his color. It is for these reasons and because I think ability and intelligence should be recognized first and last-at all times and by everyone-I ask the question again, why was the "law permitting colored men to sign repealed." New notes: "Casey was the ladies favorite on the field yesterday." "The Toledo's suits seem to fit them "too soon."

5/16/1883: @ Saginaw 20 Toledo 7, Clarkson won the game as the pitcher. In hitting John went 2 for 6, 3 R, and a double. In the field he had 9 assist from the mound. The Toledo team went on to the Major League s the following season and this Saginaw team beat'um like a drum.

5/17/1883: @ Saginaw 9 Grand Rapids 4, Clarkson won the game as the pitcher and contributed a single at bat. News Excerpts: "That Saginaw has a first class baseball club and one that is, and will be the envy of its rivals in the Northwestern League, has plainly demonstrated during the past two weeks, by its winning eight games out of nine played-a record that no other club in the League can boast of. This fact is daily stirring up interest in the club, and there are very few persons in the city at present but what are proud to allude the nine as "our Boys." The secret of the success of the Saginaw Base Ball Club is apparent to all lovers of the national game, both at home and abroad. **Manager Whitney is one of the best of men for the position he occupies, he is respected by his men, every man in the club is a thorough gentleman and a good ball player, and perfect harmony exists between them, they being one to the other as brothers.** In the light of these facts it is no wonder that victory spreads its wings over the "old golds," and leads them to success." Other excerpts: "It is rumored that Hawes and McGunnigle can run bases." "While the Saginaw boys were at Grand Rapids last week, they were invited by Messrs. Baker and Farron to attend their entertainment in that city, an invitation which the boys accepted and they enjoyed the entertainment very much."

5/18/1883: @ Toledo 7 Saginaw 12. Hawes got 3-hits. News note: "Two colored female nines are amusing Chester, Pa. folks."

5/19/1883: @ Toledo 5 Saginaw 11. Saginaw's heavy hitting was done by Casey, Hunter, and Nichols. Attendance was 800.

5/22/1883: @ Saginaw 13 Toledo 17. Clarkson got 3-hits. New note: "Clarkson is an expert billiardist."

5/23/1883: News Excerpt: "Bay City has suspended Thompson, change catcher, formerly of the Philadelphias, for two months, for intoxication."

5/23/1883: Double Header: @ Grand Rapids 3 Saginaw 9, News Excerpts: "The afternoon game drew out a large audience, who were liberal in their applause of the many fine plays made. The Saginaw boys played a splendid game of ball, and fully demonstrated the fact that when they play their game, there is no reason to be ashamed of them, and that the team which beats them is a good one indeed." "The game was

umpired by Mr. George Burnham, who did his work well and satisfactorily. During the game, Mr. Burnham received a severe blow in the face from a foul ball, which necessitated a short delay in that game, but he soon **pluckily** resumed his post, and the game continued.” Saginaw lost the 1st game that day 15-8 to Grand Rapids.

5/24/1883: @ Bay City 10 Saginaw 9. Nichols lost the game for the ‘Old Golds.’”

5/25/1883: @ Saginaw 7 Bay City 1. Clarkson and Forster each got 2-hits. News notes: “Bay City sports did not spend Saginaw money last night.” “The Bay City “boys” failed to capture the bakery.”

5/26/1883: @ Saginaw 8 Bay City 5. Hawes got 3-hits.

5/30/1883: @ Saginaw 10 Bay City 3. Whitney got 3-hits.

5/31/1883: Double Header: @ Bay City: 10-8 and 3-2. News Excerpts: “(Bob) Casey (1882 w/ Detroit Wolverines: 39 AB: .231 BA-died at age 77) and Depangher (1884 Philadelphia: 10 AB: .200-died at age 57) have been released by the Saginaws.” “**Billy Hunter was last evening presented with a box of fine cigars, with the compliments of Tom Harvey and Billy Mershon for his fine running catch, in the left field yesterday, in which he fell down, but still retained his “grip” on the ball.**”

6/04/1883: @ Saginaw 3 Peoria ‘Reds’ 1, McArthur was the winning pitcher. News Excerpts: “It is needless to give a resume of the game- the score as published below, giving the necessary information regarding it, suffice it to say the “**Old Golds**” won a glorious victory and fully retrieved the position temporarily lost in the closing days of last week.”

6/07/1883: @ Saginaw 2 Springfield 3, Forster was the losing pitcher. News Excerpt: “The “**Old Golds**” tried hard to win the game, tying it on the seventh inning, and holding their opponents down to the two runs obtained in the second inning until the fatal ninth was reached, when a beautiful two-bagger made by Schoenick brought in the needed run, that also being earned and the game ended.”

6/10/1883: News Excerpt: “**McGunnigle, the efficient right fielder of the home team, had a narrow escape from instant death last evening, from a severe shock of electricity.**”

6/11/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Springfield 6, McArthur was the losing pitcher and McGunnigle was 1 for 3, a triple. News Excerpts: “A dog fight in the grand-stand was an addition feature of the day’s sport.” “**That electric shock seemed to have infused new life into Mac’s (McGunnigle) batting powers.**”

6/12/1883: @ Saginaw 3 Springfield 4, Nichols pitched and lost, Whitney got 2-hits. News Excerpt: “**The 8:10 train leaving North Saginaw this morning will bear from the city a party of gentlemen whose general appearance and bearing would indicate mild dispositions and gentle manners. But beneath the calm exterior they possess in citizens dress, lies hid a burning thirst for blood, and by the powers, they displayed it here and got more than their heart’s desire. The Springfield nine are “Mascottes,” combined they are the whale that swallowed Jonah, but above all they are good ball players, as Saginaw has found out to her cost and sorrow.**”

6/14/1883: @ Saginaw 9 Ft. Wayne 7. Robinson was 3 for 3.

6/15/1883: News Headline and story: **LYNCHED AT CHEBOYGAN**-Fate of an alleged ravisher of the Little Lyons Girl. Masked Men Take Him from Jail, Cheered by an On-looking Crowd-He Protests (**Ya Think**) his Innocence of the Crime but is Hanged Notwithstanding-**Cheboygan, Mich., June 15.**-“The excitement here has been intense ever since the discovery of the brutal outrage on little **Nettie Lyons** on the night of the 12th. It

will be remembered that she was outraged, stabbed through her lung, and left in the swamps. A man named Warner, supposed to be a tramp from Alpena, was arrested, and the girl identified him as being the brute- who did the horrible deed. There had been strong talk of lynching him, if caught, and last night the talk developed into action, and a mob of 500 men or more, the leaders being masked, went to the county jail where Warner was confined, overpowered the sheriff and jail guard, took the prisoner out, conveyed him to a railroad crossing sign a short distance from the jail, and strung him up. He was drawn up by the rope to the top of the improved gibbet, and then lowered to the ground and given time to make a confession; **but he stoutly protested his innocence.** He was then hoisted again and left hanging for three hours, when he was cut down and his body put in a coffin. An inquest will be held today (a bit late). The whole affair was very quickly done. Additional particulars: During yesterday the excitement over the terrible outrage became alarming, and knots of men here and there were discussing the terrible affair. The general conclusion and the evidence against Warner became very strong, as he could not account for himself on the night the outrage was committed, and made false statements in many ways. This had the effect of arousing the citizens, and the talk of lynching then became general. Large crowds gathered on the streets about 9 o'clock in the evening, and all wended their way toward the jail. Here the crowd eventually swelled to about 500, most of who were there principally from curiosity. About 1 o'clock this morning, **the leaders, a few men with masked and blackened faces, wearing sheets and other disguises,** walked up the steps of the jail amid the applause of the great throng, which was evinced by clapping of hands, etc. The sheriff opened the door of his residence, which is connected with the jail, when he was seized by masked men who demanded the key of the lockup. Obtaining this they unlocked the jail and opened the door of the cell in which the doomed man was confined. He was taken out and dragged to the railroad crossing, followed by the crowd. As he was being taken to the crossing a rope was placed about his neck. On arriving at the crossing, the rope was thrown over the crossing sign, and he was pulled up, but let down again and given a chance to talk. **He said the only harm he ever did was to him self, in spending all his money for liquor, and protested that he was not the man who had committed the terrible crime of which he was accused.** He was hoisted and lowered several times, still pleading his innocence, but was finally hauled up and left hanging until daylight this morning, when he was taken down. **Everything is quiet here this morning (especially for Warner from Alpena).**

6/15/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Ft. Wayne 9, Hawes got 2-hits and Nichols pitched and lost. Tony Suck was Ft. Wayne's catcher and he went 0 for 4 with 3-errors. He did suck. **Tony Suck** played 2-M.L seasons (205 AB: .151 BA) with the Buffalo 'Bisons', Baltimore 'Monuments', Chicago 'Browns', and the Pittsburgh 'Stogies'. Tony died at age 37.

6/16/1883: @ Saginaw 15 Quincy 10. West got 3-hits.

6/18/1883: @ Saginaw 4 Quincy 3. Mansell was 3 for 3. New excerpt: "President Rust will improve the "off day" in superintending the erection of an awning over the scores box." Want ad: "An umpire who will give perfect satisfaction to everybody and who never errs in judgment, intentionally or otherwise."

6/20/1883: @ Saginaw 6 Quincy 0, Nichols tossed the shutout (the team's 1st ever). News Headline and Excerpts: The Quincys Meet Their Defeat at the Hands of the Saginaws.-The Game Yesterday Resulting in the Presentation of a Basket of Beautiful

Fresh Eggs to the Visitors-Games Elsewhere-Pick-Ups. "For the first time in the history of the Saginaw Base Ball Club that organization retired from the field of battle yesterday at the close of the game with the pleasing reflection that their opponents had been debarred from scoring a tally, while at the same time six runs, two of which were earned, appeared on the blackboard to their credit."

6/21/1883: @ Saginaw 14 Ft. Wayne 1. Hawes got 5-hits.

6/24/1883: @ Saginaw 20 Amateurs 0, Clarkson pitched the shutout, was 3 for 6, 3 R, and a triple.

6/25/1883: Saginaw Base Ball Club President **John James Rust divorced his wife Sarah Ripley Rust**. He may have broken Saginaw Base Ball Club Rule # 8, associating with harlots.

6/27/1883: @ Saginaw 1 Port Huron 2, McGunnigle pitched and lost. Saginaw managed only 3-hits off of Mountjoy.

6/27/1883: News Stories: LYNCHED-A Negro Rapist Hung by Order of Judge- Lynch at Jefferson, Tex.-Another Negro shot. "Lacey, one of the Negroes guilty of outraging Mrs. Rogers, near Lavatre, a few days ago, was lynched on the bridge this morning having fully confessed, a buggy driven from under him producing the fall. There were 500 present, both races and sexes. No secret was made of the intended hanging, but general notice given of the exact hour. It was first decided to burn him, as done in a previous case in the same vicinity some time ago, but it being recollected the law provides hanging as a penalty for rape, it was finally determined to follow that course. Of the three Negroes concerned Lacy and Sullivan were captured by the citizens. Douglass, arrested by the officers, is still in jail, but may be lynched to-night." Lancaster, Wis., June 26-Sam Gaslar, colored, employed on Pat Judges' farm was arrested today for criminal intimacy with Judge's daughter, a very young white girl, who gave birth to a colored baby two weeks ago. When being taken to prison Gaslar was shot in the back by an unknown party (as in Mr. Judge) who put ten-buckshot through him. His death is hourly expected."

7/02/1883: @ Saginaw 2 Bay City 1, Nichols won the tight game. News Excerpt: "**The players themselves behave like gentlemen on both sides, their conduct comparing very favorably with that of the spectators.**" 27 year-old Dave Foutz was Bay City's best pitcher. He would go onto pitch for the St. Louis Browns and the Brooklyn Bridegrooms from 1884 to 1894, totaling a record of 147-66. He died on 3/05/1897 in his mother's home in Waverly, Maryland of asthma at the age of 40.

7/04/1883: @ Saginaw 7 Bay City 4, Nichols won the game. The second game @ Bay City 2 Saginaw 3, McGunnigle won the contest. News Excerpts: "Long before the time announced for the commencement of the game between the home team and the Bay City yesterday morning an immense crowd had gathered on the ground, which increased to such proportions that it taxed the capacity of the grand stand, and the management were forced to stop the sale of tickets, something unprecedented in the annals of the national game in the Saginaw Valley. The extensive structure capable of holding twelve or thirteen hundred people, was literally packed, a fair representation of the fair sex and large delegation from Bay City being present. The portion reserved for carriages, and the seats provided in the field, were filled up, hundreds of others not being able to obtain a seat, standing on the edges of the field, or sitting on the grass in various portions of it. It was indeed a sight to inspire confidence and courage to the home team, and was pleasing

in more ways than one to the management. **The contest began with Nichols and Hunter as the battery, the home team winning the toss and taking the field.**”

7/08/1883: @ Chicago ‘Unions’ 6 Saginaw 5, Knight pitched and lost the game for the ‘Old Golds’. Robinson for Saginaw was 4 for 5. 17 year old Charlie Cady won the contest for the Chicago ‘Unions’, he was one of the youngest professionals to play the game.

7/13/1883: @ Quincy 4 Saginaw 6, Nichols won the game and Forster was 2 for 4. News Excerpt: **The next game of base ball in Bay City will be the wholesale grocers’ contest on Tuesday at Woodside Park. The Knights Templar band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.**”

7/14/1883: @ Peoria 6 Saginaw 4.

7/15/1883: News Excerpts: “Baseball “Midge,” otherwise known as “Whitney’s dog,” was sent yesterday to Lowell, Mass., where Mrs. Whitney is at present visiting.” **“The Columbus club-have a deaf-mute pitcher; the Cleveland have a one-handed pitcher; the Toledos have a colored catcher; the Providence nine have a center-fielder who is as deaf as a post. And all these men manage to make about \$2,000 a year.”**

7/15/1883: @ Quincy 4 Saginaw 5, Knight won the game and Mansell was 3 for 4.

7/17/1883: News Excerpt: **“(Bill) Hawes, (Bill) McGunnigle, and (Bill) Hunter (Darryl-Darryl, and Darryl),** of the Saginaw baseball club, had a narrow escape from drowning at Peoria last Friday. While out in boat riding on the lake a cyclone struck them, and they were all thrown into the water.” On the same day they lost to Peoria 6 to 4. Tom Thumb died a day earlier. He was 45 years old.

7/18/1883: Detroit News story: **“The Saginaw papers are purple in the face with rage because the (Detroit) News referred to the Northwestern League players as a “scurvy lot.” And so they are, with mighty few exceptions. Once in a while you can rake out a gentlemanly fellow, like Arthur Whitney of the Saginaws, but not often.”**

7/21/1883: @ Springfield 6 Saginaw 4.

7/25/1883: Major Leaguer Charles Radbourn threw a no-hitter as Providence beat Cleveland and Hugh “One Arm” Daily 8-0.

7/25/1883: @ Ft. Wayne 4 Saginaw 1.

7/26/1883: @ Ft. Wayne 2 Saginaw 1.

7/28/1883: @ Ft. Wayne 4 Saginaw 11.

8/01/1883: @ Toledo 2 Saginaw 4. Whitney pitched and won.

8/02/1883: @ Toledo 6 Saginaw 4, McGunnigle, threw 54 strikes and 127 balls.

8/03/1883: @ Toledo 2 Saginaw 4, Whitney pitched and won, Whitney and Robinson both got 2-hits. News Excerpt: “The Toledos faced a slick pitcher yesterday and failed to hit him with any effectiveness, scattering their five safe hits over the game. Whitney was not in good form but he pitched a beautiful game caused the home boys to wield the stick with their old time weakness.”

8/06/1883: @ Grand Rapids 8 Saginaw 4. News Excerpt: “Umpire Montgomery was off in his decisions, and seemed to know little about balls and strikes.” (Blame the ump)

8/09/1883: @ Grand Rapids 13 Saginaw 8, Knight was the losing pitcher.

8/10/1883: News Excerpt: “Umpire Volz fined Black, pitcher of the Quincys, \$5 in Saturday’s game for talking back.”

8/11/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Port Huron 10, Nichols lost the game and Clarkson hit a triple and a single. Horan, a new guy, caught for Saginaw and was 1 for 4 with 4 putouts.

News Excerpt: "For the third time this season the members of the base ball team from the Sylvan City, took time by the forelock, and the Saginaw club by the neck, and shook them to pieces, as would a terrier, a rat."

8/11/1883: Muskegon News Excerpt: "Nichols has a greased lighting curve, and his arm runs on a pivot." "Horan, the new catcher for the Saginaws, gives promise of future good work, in throwing to bases he is a dandy."

8/12/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Port Huron 3, McGunnigle won the game, Horan played 1st base and was 1 for 2.

8/13/1883: @ Saginaw 9 Toledo 3, Clarkson played 3B, 2 for 4, 1 R, double, 1 PO, 1 A. "Fleetwood" Walker, Toledo catcher and center fielder was 0 for 4. News headline and excerpts: A Chapter on the National Game Condensed from the **Koran**, in which Yesterday's Game with the Toledo's is a Prominent Feature-The Saginaws Redeem Their Past Few Weeks Bad Work and Defeat the Champions 9 to 3-Other Games Played Yesterday-"And it came to pass in the reign of President Arthur, on the thirteenth day of the eighth month of the year MDCCCLXXXIII, that behold there came forth out of the State of Ohio a small army and pitched their tent in the City of East Saginaw over against the wall of the city. And they said one to another- let us even now go forth with lions girt about with red belts, and wage warfare against our opponents even with the Saginaw sluggers. And when the pitcher, catcher, basemen, and fielders did behold them coming, they were sore afraid, and said one to the other, "Lo here are the victors of two recent battles in which we were engaged, and they are determined to wipe our generation off the face of the earth." But Whitney who is the leader of the base ball host, said, "Be comforted my brethren, and be not afraid of these Philistines, for as the sun goeth down, shalt thou behold their discomfiture and defeat." And it was even so as he said. Both factions responded to the bugle call at the appointed hour, and clad in uniform and armor, boldly faced each other on the field. Owing to the inscription on a coin of the realm that lay on the earth, the weaker army did face the city, having the advantage of fighting with the sun on their backs. Then did a valiant soldier put forth his hand, and the weapon of war sped forth. And the Michiganders fell on the Ohioans and did smite them sore, verily they did slay Barkley, Poorman, O'Day, and Miller, Ohio's sons. Then were their enemies wroth and said, "where-fore did we leave our homes after securing battle after battle, and victory after victory, to be laid in the dust by Whitney's men? And they reasoned one with the other regarding this thing. And when they beheld the standard-bearer of the enemies safely carry a message to the King, passing completely through their lines, they did wonder the more. When therefore, the strife continued, they did with force of arms, and the stratagem of war come into camp to the number of two, at which they did rejoice, but their enemies wept. After this time, even until the inning that is called the seventh they did fail to multiply and increase their victories, while the valiant knights of the order of the Wolverine State did say 'seven,' which cry "West," "West," and other names, and they clapped their hands with joy. And Whitney and his men smote them from the ninth hour even into the evening, and there escaped not one man of them, save three. And behold Moffit, the chief of the Philistines, was wounded sorely of the sharpshooters, for they did hit him for nine bases. And in the eighth encounter the enemies of the Saginaws did make yet one more run, the victors doing, likewise and again. Then were the Toledos discomfited, and they did hide themselves to their chariots and fled from the field, not carrying to bury the slain. And when the friends of the defeated army

heard of their trouble last night they were perplexed, and their hearts sank within them. And they communed with each other and said, let us not deposit our shekels on the Ohio army tomorrow, for without doubt, it will be O'Day with us again. And the words of the seers were treasured to heart." **The Saginaw sports writer must have written this in an Opium Den.**

8/14/1883: @ Saginaw 9 Toledo 5, McGunnigle won the game as the pitcher and was 3 for 4 at bat. West went 4 for 5. Toledo's Walker was 1 for 4. Attendance: 700.

8/14/1883: News Excerpt: "Hawes has returned from Cleveland with his "baby." He expects to be able to play by Thursday."

8/16/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Grand Rapids 4. Hawes and Mansell each got 2-hits.

8/18/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Grand Rapids 3.

8/20/1883: @ Saginaw 10 Grand Rapids 9. West and Saginaw catcher Horan got 3-hits each.

8/21/1883: @ Saginaw 10 Toledo 4, Whitney won the game on the mound. Clarkson at 3B, 3 for 4, 2 R, 2 PO, 2 E. "Fleetwood" Walker was 3 for 3. West for Saginaw also got 3-hits. Game time: 1 Hour and 50 minutes. News Excerpts: The final series of games between the Saginaw and Toledo clubs closed last evening, ending in the ninth victory over the champions in twelve games played between them. In 1884 Toledo would go 46-58 and finish 8th in the major leagues. On this same day outlaw **Frank James** was brought to trial in Gallatin, Mo. for two cases of murder.

8/22/1883: @ Saginaw 8 Quincy 7, Clarkson and Nichols combined to pitch the victory.

8/24/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Peoria 3.

8/25/1883: @ Saginaw 11 Peoria 10. Mansell was 3 for 5.

8/28/1883: @ Saginaw 9 Detroit 'Wolverines' 16, Clarkson played CF, 2 for 5, 1 R, 1 PO, 1 A.

8/30/1883: @ Saginaw 12 Quincy 6, Clarkson won and McGunnigle got 3-hits, including a triple.

8/31/1883: @ Saginaw 10 Quincy 9, Clarkson and Nichols combined to pitch the 13 inning win. Whitney was 4 for 7.

9/02/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Peoria 11, Hawes was 3 for 5 in the loss.

9/05/1883: @ Saginaw 7 Ft. Wayne 4, Clarkson and McArthur combined for the win. West was 3 for 5. News Excerpt: "considerable enthusiasm was manifested throughout the contest."

9/06/1883: @ Saginaw 3 Springfield 7, Clarkson pitched and lost, West and Forster got 2-hits each.

9/07/1883: @ Saginaw 3 Springfield 7, West and Forster got 2-hits each. News headline: **Saginaw's Jonah**, in this City Again, Make Known Their Presence in the Usual Manner-The Home Team Defeated Yesterday 7 to 3.

9/08/1883: @ Saginaw 5 **Jonahs** (Springfield) 7, McGunnigle and Mansell got 2-hits each. News Excerpt: "Walker, the colored catcher of the Toledos, has received an offer from a league club."

9/09/1883: @ Saginaw 8 Springfield 5, Clarkson won and got 3-hits. Whitney got 4.

9/11/1883: @ Saginaw 5 Springfield 1, McArthur won on a 7-hitter. News Excerpt: "Umpire Hurley says he never saw such clean daring base stealing as shown by the Saginaws, their work in this direction surprising him beyond measure."

9/12/1883: @ Bay City 7 Saginaw 3, Clarkson lost but got 2-hits.

9/13/1883: Major Leaguer Hugh "One-Arm" Daily of Cleveland beat Philadelphia 1-0 on a no-hitter. Hugh's career: 73-87, 2.92 ERA, 846 SO, 369 BB, and a .157 BA. He once struck out 19 in a game and pitched back to back one-hitters.

9/15/1883: @ Springfield 5 Saginaw 8.

9/17/1883: @ Springfield 3 Saginaw 5, Clarkson won.

9/18/1883: @ Quincy 8 Saginaw 7.

9/19/1883: @ Quincy 5 Saginaw 4.

9/20/1883: @ Quincy 6 Saginaw 7.

9/24/1883: @ Peoria 0 Saginaw 5, Clarkson pitched a shutout, 1 for 4, 10 A.

9/25/1883: @ Peoria 0 Saginaw 6, Clarkson tossed another shutout, 3 for 4, 1 R, 9 A.

News Excerpt: "The efforts of the home team to hit Clarkson yesterday were even more dismally futile than on Saturday."

9/26/1883: @ Ft. Wayne 18 Saginaw 10. "Yank" Robinson lost for Saginaw.

9/27/1883: @ Ft. Wayne 2 Saginaw 15.

9/29/1883: @ Ft. Wayne 2 Saginaw 3, Clarkson won.

10/1/1883: @ Saginaw 3 Bay City 2, Clarkson won again. News Excerpt: "The Saginaw base ball club returned home Sunday morning from their trip south. During their absence they have played good ball and have won nine out of twelve games. **Much of the credit for this success is due to Clarkson, who stands without peer as a pitcher in the Northwestern league, and not only is he possessed of an extremely deceptive delivery, but his endurance is wonderful and he is able to pitch game after game without any seeming decrease in speed or skill.** Forster, too, has been playing a great game at short, the best in the league it is asserted by his fellow players. The other players have done well and the **Saginaws are, and have always been, the strongest team in the league. They have played an uphill game abroad against ill-luck, and in many instances undeserved prejudices.** Added to this they have contended with considerable very poor, not to say dishonest umpiring. Despite all this they have made a good record, and we are pleased to see that the directors have reserved the most of them for next season"

10/2/1883: @ Bay City 15 Saginaw 7, Clarkson got knocked all over the park.

10/4/1883: @ Bay City 2 Saginaw 6, Nichols won and Robinson had 2-hits.

10/5/1883: @ Saginaw 12 Bay City 5, Clarkson won, and West had 4-hits. News Excerpt: "The Saginaw Club has defeated the Bay Citys eleven out of sixteen this season."

10/6/1883: @ Saginaw 3 Bay City 6. Saginaw ended the season at 54-30, a game and a half out. Saginaw was 11-6 for the year against Bay City.

10/27/1883: "APACHE ARTIFICE-Chiefs Juh and Geranimo Playing with the Mexicans-CHIHUAHUA, Mexico-"The Apaches under Juh and Geranimo have outgeneraled the officer in command of the troops at Casa Grande. Their maneuvers were beautifully executed. The Mexican officials endeavored to get both the chiefs in camp at once with all their bucks, which would have settled the matter. Parleys were made for days, yet Juh came into camp one day and Geranimo the other. In the meantime, both knowing the General Commander of the forces of northern Mexico had left the City of Mexico, planned and carried out the largest raid ever made by the Apaches, at the ranches of Enckiallas, owned jointly by Gov. Terrazas and Henry Miller, the wealthiest citizens of the state. They surprised the herders and got away with 70 horses. A well broken and valuable job was done by three apaches from one of Miller's ranch, 15 miles west. They stole horses and two mules, and got 15 hours start of the

pursuers. Along the foot hills of the Sierra Madras they worked the same desperate game, making for Arizona with 2,000 horses, including 60 Mexican cavalry horses. They are pursued by Mexican soldiers and citizens and it is hoped the United States forces will head them.” (And there was Base Ball in Saginaw) Juh died at age 58 in 1883 when he fell from his horse into the Casas Grande River in Chihuahua. Geronimo died at Fort Still, Oklahoma at age 86 in 1909. George W. Bush has been blamed for everything from mining disasters to bridges falling down in Minnesota. Here’s one you have not heard of: In 1918, certain remains of Geronimo were apparently stolen in a grave robbery. Three members of the [Yale secret society of Skull and Bones](#) served as Army volunteers at Fort Sill during World War I; one of those three members was [Prescott Bush, grandfather of the 43rd President of the United State George W. Bush](#). They reportedly stole [Geronimo’s skull](#), some bones, and other items, including Geronimo’s prized silver bridle, from the Apache Indian Prisoner of War Cemetery. That damn Bush family was at it back then too. Geronimo had many wives and children in his life time, how he found time, I have no clue- well for that you can always find time.

[12/21/1883](#): News Story: “Edward Duchemin, aged 21, stabbed his wife Anna, aged 17, under the left breast in a horrible manner, in their room at the National Hotel, leaving the knife sticking in the girl’s body until she called him back to withdraw it. The girl’s mother was buried yesterday, and while returning from the funeral he told her he would [send her into the next world to keep her mother company](#). After withdrawing the large knife Duchemin went to a restaurant and got breakfast, after which he surrendered himself at the Ninth Street Station, saying he had killed his wife and was ready to hang for it. The girl may recover. Duchemin was formerly employed in a nickel-plating establishment, and is a worthless sort of a fellow. He married last summer for a little money she had, which he readily spent.”

[1/10/1884](#): At the annual meeting of the minor-league Northwestern League, 1st-place Toledo is declared the league champion for 1883. But because Toledo has moved from the NWL to major league AA in 1884, [the NWL pennant is awarded to 2nd place Saginaw, Mi. The NWL also rescinds its prohibition on Sunday base ball and the sale of beer at its ball parks, thereby aligning itself with AA policy and against the NL policy.](#)

[1/11/1884](#): News Excerpt: “The Spaulding ball was unanimously adopted for the (NWL) season of 1884. In drawing for colors of stockings, Minneapolis drew black, St. Paul white, Milwaukee cream color, Stillwater blue, Muskegon red and white, and Terre Haute green. At the league meeting (Northwestern Base Ball League) in Chicago the sessions through have been very harmonious and many interesting matters pertaining to the future success of the League, brought up and discussed. The delegates from all the cities represented in the League are full of enthusiasm concerning the coming season, which promises to be the most successful ever known in baseball circles.”

[1/13/1884](#): Toledo Telegram: “One of the best pieces of work done was the election of [John J. \(James\) Rust to the presidency](#). Mr. Rust has the time to devote to the office, and the energy to push what needs to be done, and he will becomingly grace the head of the association.” “The names of players signed by the Saginaws with probable positions are as follows: John G. Clarkson p, J.H. Murphy p, J. Quinn p and 3b, John Mansell lf and 1b, J. Lavin lf, M. D. West c or 2b, Tom W. Forster ss, John Arundel, F.L. Smith, and E. Terrien c, W.H. McGunnigle rf, J. Faatz 1b, Paulin 2b, and Arthur W. Whitney 3b.” Saginaw Evening News excerpts: “Hawes will probably be released from the Saginaw

club and Whitney retained.” “The Northwestern League clubs will play 110 schedule games during the season.” “Some of the most unique and ornamental styles of score card yet published have been issued by Sage, of Buffalo.” “There will be no overhand pitching according to the rules of the Northwestern League, this season although that rule was abolished in the National League.”

1/17/1884: News Headline and Excerpts: [THE NUTT TRIAL](#)-“The afternoon session was taken up with the examination of experts concerning Nutt’s mental condition. Nutt (it was decided) was insane when he killed Dukes. Drs. Pollack and Doly said Nutt was a victim of an uncontrollable impulse which might exist in any person without being manifested before or after the act which led to its positive discovery was committed. Nutt’s sister Lizzie (Nutt) was confined to her bed today from a severe attack of nervous prostration. She over estimated her strength in a desire to be near her brother. Grave fears have been aroused by her condition.

1/20/1884: News Excerpt: “A ladies toilet room with a colored woman in attendance will be a feature of the Minneapolis grand stand (Ya-Who). Saginaw should follow suit.”

3/23/1884: News Excerpt: “In answer to a question as to the make up of the Saginaw team, he (McDonough of Ft. Wayne) gave it as a opinion of himself and also of ball players generally, that Saginaw has a good team as can be picked up and will make a good showing this season; in fact, is considered the dark horse in the race for first place. Quinn, one of the new men, he regarded as a splendid pitcher.”

3/30/1884: News Excerpt: “[Spaulding’s official base ball guide for 1884](#) contains many pages of valuable statistics, and is both comprehensive in scope and perfect down to the minutest details. Copies may be obtained at Gibbs’ news stand. The publisher’s state that the first issue of 50,000 copies is already exhausted (Harry Potter), and a second edition of 20,000 is now on the press.”

4/06/1884: News Excerpt: “Ryan, who became notorious in the Saginaw Valley two years ago, is one of the Muskegon club this season.” “A catcher’s mask that flies open when a spring is touched is the most recent addition to the baseball paraphernalia.”

4/17/1884: Played in Columbus, Ohio: Saginaw 7 Cleveland Reserve Team 3.

4/20/1884: News Excerpts: Faatz, the first baseman of the Saginaws, is spoken of as a remarkable player by his companions. The Saginaws are all young men and all play well.

4/21/1884: @ Toledo 10 Saginaw 2, Clarkson struck out 10 in the loss. Toledo’s Mullane allowed Saginaw but 6-hits. William Dyer was the new Saginaw manager.

4/23/1884: @ Toledo 10 Saginaw 1, Saginaw was out hit 11 to 4.

4/25/1884: Headline and news excerpts: [THE NATIONAL GAME](#)-Yesterday’s Contest between the Saginaws and Gordons, of Chicago-A Queer Match-Notes: “The ball season of 1884 in the Saginaws was opened yesterday by a match between the home team and the Gordons, a colored nine of Chicago. To those who enjoy the rough-and-tumble element in base ball the game was satisfying to a degree boarding on perfection, but to those whose interest in the popular pastime centers on its scientific principles and the exhibition of skill it brings out by men who command even larger salaries than those received by newspaper men, who toil day and night, the game was a an utter failure.” “They fanned the air with their imported Chicago clubs, they chased around the field after liners, they opened their arms, like spider’s mouths to catch flies, only to let those innocent insects escape and hide in the grass, while their opponents sped from base to base, leaving only a cloud of dust behind them, and keeping the scores busy in making

the runs which accumulated in every innings.” Saginaw won 25 to 1, Corigan, the ‘Old Golds’ shortstop was 5 for 6. Davis for the Gordons gave up all 25 runs. **I find it amazing in a racially sensitive time the Saginaw ‘Old Golds’ started two seasons in a row playing black ball clubs.** Jay Faatz played on the 1884 Saginaw team. He had a 4-year Major League career: 298 G, 1135 AB, 159 R, 274 H, .241 BA. He died at age 62. Frank Smith was also on that team, he had a brief M.L. career: 36 AB and a .250 BA. John Lavin with Saginaw that year went on to play briefly in the major leagues: 52 AB: .212 BA.

4/26/1884: News Excerpt: “A southern exchange says McCormick and Nichols, the two Minneapolis pitchers, live together like a pair of newly-mated canary birds. They occupy the same room at the hotel and the same berth in the sleeping car (can we say gay?). Neither of them drink anything stronger than French brandy, and they are both in love with the same girl (that’s good), a shy young thing who presides over the destinies of a feather store at Simpsonville, Ind. They are known to their brethren as Eng and Chang. It has been decided when McCormick dies to bury Nichols.”

4/26/1884: @ Saginaw 12 Gordons 7.

4/27/1884: @ Saginaw 10 Gordons 5. **John Clarkson umpired.** The Gordons had 9 errors, Saginaw 6.

4/27/1884: News Excerpt: “Mr. David Scott, the manager of the Gordon Base Ball Club, of Chicago, was resident of this city (Saginaw) twenty years ago, and was in the employ of Abe Rayno, at that time, the leading barber in the city. Mr. Scott has not visited the city since his departure nineteen years ago. He expressed much surprise at the growth of the city. The fates have treated him kindly since he left here, and he has acquired quite a large fortune.”

5/01/1884: **Moses Fleetwood Walker** becomes the first black in the major leagues when he plays for the Toledo club in the American Association. He goes 0 for 3 in his debut, allowing 2 passed balls and committing 4 errors, as his team bows to Louisville 5-1.

5/02/1884: @ Muskegon 0 Saginaw 8, Clarkson threw a 4-hit shutout. West and Faatz got 2-hits each.

5/07/1884: “The Missouri Republican reports: the death of Ike Carter, an infielder for the all-black St. Louis ‘Black Stockings.’ “Ike” Carter, the best second baseman in the country, and a member of the celebrated ‘Black Stockings’ of St. Louis, recently received a ball that was too much for him. It was made of lead. He turned burglar and was shot dead by a St. Louis man into whose house he broke.” The ‘Black Stockings’ were founded in 1883 and toured the country playing minor league and local teams, both black and white. They claimed the mythic “colored championship in 1883.”

5/09/1884: @ Ft. Wayne ‘Hoosiers’ 0 Saginaw 7, Clarkson pitched a 2-hit shutout.

5/11/1884: @ Stillwater 13 Saginaw 18.

5/15/1884: Season opener in Saginaw: Saginaw 12 Milwaukee 9, Clarkson was 3 for 4 playing left field.

5/16/1884: @ Saginaw 12 Milwaukee 19, Quinn and Kelly were pounded off the mound.

5/17/1884: @ Saginaw 0 Milwaukee 2, Morrissey threw a 4 hit shutout. Clarkson lost.

5/18/1884: @ Saginaw 18, Milwaukee ‘Brewers’ 5, Clarkson won the game and Forster got 4 hits. Attendance: 650.

5/21/1884: @ Saginaw 6 Stillwater 5, Clarkson won and the two teams combined for 11 errors.

5/24/1884: @ Saginaw 2 Peoria 0, Clarkson tossed a 6-hit shutout.

5/27/1884: @ Saginaw 9 Peoria 5, Faatz and West each got 3-hits. Clarkson got the win. News Excerpt: "Kent fanned the air on three Clarkson deceptives."

5/28/1884: @ Saginaw 6 Peoria 10, Forster got 3-hits in the loss.

5/30/1884: News story: "An umpire in a recent base ball game has been sentenced to two months in the common jail. There seems to be no limit to the indignities heaped upon the friendless head of the base ball umpire. He is cordially detested by both sides on the field, is an object of derision to the crowd, gets abused by everybody, cursed by some and clubbed by others, and after a brief but intensely gloomy career goes down to his grave or the county jail unwept, un-honored, and if he is in luck, un-hung."

5/30/1884: @ Saginaw 11 Minneapolis 7, Faatz, Clarkson, Lavin, and Quinn got 2-hits each in a Clarkson win. Joe Quinn was born in Sidney, Australia. His M.L. numbers: 17 years and a .261 BA. He died at age 75.

5/30/1884: @ Saginaw 8 Minneapolis 5. News Excerpt: "Arundel's catching in both games yesterday was plucky and praiseworthy. Though suffering a split hand, from which the blood oozed all day, he maintained his position behind the bat without flinching, with what degree of effectiveness is shown in the score." "Umpire Chas. Cushman, when leaving the grounds after the game at Ft. Wayne, Wednesday, was struck in the forehead with a stone by a vicious youth aged 14, whom Cushman, had ordered ejected from the grounds for making uncomplimentary remarks regarding his decisions. Cushman fell to the ground badly wounded, and the youth fled, but was captured by an attaché of the grounds, who attempted to turn him over to the authorities, but he was rescued by a mob of sympathizers and allowed to escape."

6/02/1884: @ Saginaw 7 St. Paul 1, Clarkson won and he scored twice for the home team. Saginaw only got 4-hits in the game.

6/02/1884: In the News: "Saginaw has secured a new left-hand pitcher in the person of John Quinn, who will occupy the box tomorrow." "Terrien and Hugh Smith were released from the Saginaw club yesterday. The former will probably leave for his home in New Bedford, Mass., in a few days." "Lockwood, of last year's Toledos, joined the Saginaw club yesterday, and will catch in today's game. It will be remembered late last season, and has only recently been reinstated."

6/04/1884: @ Saginaw 8 St. Paul 7, Clarkson won, Whitney and Spence got 2-hits each.

6/05/1884: @ Saginaw 13 St. Paul 11, West, Whitney, and Spence got 3-hits each.

6/06/1884: @ Saginaw 0 Quincy 3. West got 2-hits in the loss. News Excerpt that day: "Photographs of the Minneapolis "dudes" and the Bay City nine are displayed in the windows of the Nicollet House at Minneapolis."

6/08/1884: @ Saginaw 9 Quincy 6, Clarkson won. 4-players got 2-hits each.

6/11/1884: @ Saginaw 6 Grand Rapids 4, Clarkson pitched and won, 2 for 4, 1 R, 1 3B, 1A, and 4 E. Spence also picked up 2-hits.

6/12/1884: @ Saginaw 5 Grand Rapids 8, Clarkson and Faatz got 2-hits in the loss.

News Excerpt that day: "Trees on the Peoria base ball grounds annoy the fielders. Cut them down."

6/14/1884: @ Bay City 7 Saginaw 0, Rittenhouse pitched and lost. Porter pitched the shutout. McGunnigle scored 2-runs against his old team.

6/15/1884: @ Bay City 5 Saginaw 7, Clarkson won, Smith and Whitney got 2-hits. A news excerpt mentioned that [Saginaw's John James Rust was the President of the Saginaw Ball Club and the President of the entire Northwestern Base Ball League.](#)

6/18/1884: @ Bay City 6 Saginaw 7, Clarkson won the game and hit a triple.

6/18/1884: A Major League contest: New York 'Mutuals' pound Chicago 38-1.

6/24/1884: @ Terre Haute 'Democrats' 3 Saginaw 7, Clarkson won.

6/27/1884: @ Saginaw 21 Muskegon 5, Clarkson won. West got 4-hits. News Excerpt: **“nine gentlemen who came as guests and left as badly defeated foes, the home team administering to them the worst drubbing they have received this season.”**

6/28/1884: Grand Rapids Times news excerpt: **“McGunnigle, of the Bay Citys, has habit of yelling at a player of the opposing nine when about to make a play. The umpire today should watch him carefully. The rules cover the point.”**

6/29/1884: @ Saginaw 20 Ft. Wayne 5, Rittenhouse won. Whitney and Quinn got 4-hits each. News Excerpt: **“A feature of the game was the playing of Spence, who although suffering from a lame leg, managed to make two hits, both of them three-baggers, had four put-outs, assisted eight times, and made only one error.”**

7/03/1884: Grand Rapids Times news excerpt: **The Saginaw Club ought to make good poker players, as it is popularly supposed that “bluffing” is the principle feature of that game. Almost every man on the field seems to be a field captain or that functionary's deputy. Their constant “chinning” disgusts the audience and is a disgrace to the otherwise dignified and intelligent management.”**

7/04/1884: @ St. Paul 1 Saginaw 3.

7/05/1884: @ St. Paul 0 Saginaw 2, Clarkson struck out 16 in the shutout, along with one wild pitch.

7/09/1884: @ Stillwater 7 Saginaw 8. John W. “Bud” Fowler (his real name was John Jackson-go figure) pitched for Stillwater and lost. “Bud” was a black man. **He was the very first black to play professional baseball (New Castle, Pennsylvania in 1878). In 465 pro games (which could be found) he hit .309 and stole 46 bases a season. Fowler by his own account- played on teams in 22 states and Canada. Stillwater lost their first 16 games in 1884. “Bud” who played most every position was asked to pitch and he won. For his effort he got a new suit of clothes and \$10.00. A month later he had a costly throwing error that lost a game. He had to give the \$10.00 back. In Stillwater in 1884 he hit .297 and had a 7-8 pitching record. “Bud” was the first to invent the shin guards for catchers. In 1895 “Bud” formed the independent Page Fence Giants which played all 130 of their games on the road. Fowler died at age 54 on February 26, 1913, at his sister's home in Frankfort, N.Y. This man belongs in the Baseball HOF. Saginaw played 5-games against black teams and against two teams with black ball players with out protest.**

7/10/1884: @ Stillwater 0 Saginaw 15, Clarkson pitched the shutout and Lavin hit two homeruns and a two bagger. News excerpt: **“An Indian base ball club has just been formed out west. As the umpire is likely to be killed at the conclusion of every game, the introduction of base ball among them probably marks the disappearance of the noble red man.”** (They were already disappearing without baseball)

7/11/1884: Grand Rapids Eagle News Story: **“The illegal pitching of Clarkson of Saginaw is carrying that club to the front. President (John James) Rust, you know, has charge of the umpires, and this illegal business will undoubtedly continue. Of what use are the playing rules?”** The Eagle has before shown ignorance of even the common rules

of base ball and in relation of officers and players, and the above is as silly as it is malicious.”

7/18/1884: News excerpt: “**McGunnigle**, recently released from the Bay City club, is playing leftfield for the Muskegons and leads the blatting list-not the batting. His blatting propensities remain intact.” (Yes his big mouth got him in trouble)

7/18/1884: @ Milwaukee 0 Saginaw 5, Clarkson threw a 1-hit shutout.

7/19/1884: News Excerpts: “John Clarkson, a Boston boy now playing with the Saginaw Club, and one of the finest pitchers in the Northwestern League, recently performed the **remarkable feat of striking out nineteen** of the strong Grand Rapids Club, which leads in the championship race of the league.”

7/25/1884: @ Saginaw 20 Grand Rapids 15.

7/26/1884: News excerpts: “**There was a meeting in the morning, at which time the farmers prayed for rain, and their prayers were answered; hence that Saginaw took a rest (game canceled because of rain)**. “The paper is unable to give the usual record of the standing of the clubs in the Northwestern League this morning owing to the complications arising from the departure from the league of several of the clubs constituting it. It is pleased to state however, that Saginaw has a lead of ten to fifteen games (not true).

7/30/1884: News excerpt: “Saginaw has a pride in her ball club, and every citizen would like to see it go through the (complete) season. Now is the time to make such a result certain.”

8/02/1884: News excerpt: “Forster of the Saginaws, has been doing remarkable playing since the team left the city, and it is seldom that an error is charged against him. **He is playing the position held by Robinson last season, who, although one of the finest shortstops in the country, played what is called a “bum game” while on the trip last season and materially assisted in losing the championship.** The change is apparent from the following item from the Peoria Freeman: “The fielding of both clubs was only ordinary, unless we except Forster, the Saginaw shortstop. He takes more chances, than any man in the league and is continually getting balls unlooked for.”

8/02/1884: @ Terre Haute 0 Saginaw 8, Clarkson pitched a 1-hit shutout.

8/03/1884: @ Terre Haute 0 Saginaw 6. Clarkson threw another 1-hit shutout.

8/04/1884: @ Muskegon 0 Saginaw 1.

8/09/1884: @ Saginaw 8 Milwaukee 2, Clarkson struck out 15 in the win.

8/10/1884: News Excerpt: “The Courier’s special from Chicago gives some important and interesting news. **The resignation of President John J. (James) Rust of this city** was accepted and W.D. Whitmore, of Quincy elected to fill the vacancy. Grand Rapids and Muskegon (**McGunnigle is out of a job again**) clubs were dropped from the league, while Saginaw, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Quincy, and Evansville gave bonds of \$50 as a guarantee that they will continue through the season.”

8/11/1884: News Excerpts: “The Northwestern League of baseball players will soon be numbered with the things of the past. This is a circuit of nearly two thousand miles to be traversed, the traveling expenses of which would monopolize nearly all the receipts of each game. Pending the final stroke, therefore let the final games be well patronized, that the Saginaw Club can have inscribed on the pennant which is now assured to it, though not under such favorable circumstances and with such honor as might be wished, **“Champions and out of debt.”** **John James Rust** was born in Marine City, Michigan on

11/20/1855 and was believed to have died on 10/5/1902 at the age of 46 years old. **JJ Rust was listed on the 1900 census for the 2nd ward in Peoria, IL.** He was President of the Saginaw Base Ball Club in 1883 and 1884. In 1884 he was also the President of the Northwestern Base Ball League (Baseball's 1st Minor League). He divorced his wife **Sarah Ripley Rust** on 6/25/1883. She died in Long Island on 7/19/1923. John J. Rust's only son **Robert Ripley Rust** died in New York City on 7/23/1933. Robert was a successful business man with Central Foundry. Robert who died at age 54 was born in Lorraine, Minn. He was president of the Heckscher Foundation for Children for 6 years. John James Rust's father was the famous **David Ward Rust**. David was a lumber and salt mine tycoon who came to fame and fortune with his ingenuity and hard work. He was born in Vermont on 3/24/1821 and died on 10/4/1880 at the age of 59 years old (59 years, 6 months, 10 days). He had two wives and five children. **His obituary mentioned he had won for himself the respect from the poorest laborer to the riches millionaire. (I like that)**

8/11/1884: @ Saginaw 0 Milwaukee 3. Cushman pitched the shutout.

8/12/1884: @ Saginaw 4 Minneapolis 19. News excerpt: "The Saginaw Club gave a miserable exhibition of ball playing yesterday, all the players seeming to be troubled with an "off day" at once, West being the only player exempt from the charge of making errors, and he did not seem to be able to do so, as he fell down once in running for a fly and then got up and captured it."

8/13/1884: @ Saginaw 11 Minneapolis 'Millers' 6, Clarkson pitched and won. At bat he was 2 for 5, 2 R, 1 3B, 1 PO, 2 A. Beck and Forster were 3 for 5. News Excerpts: "'Tricky' Nichols, of the Minneapolis Club, was in Billy Dobson's restaurant last evening, and feeling at home on Saginaw soil, amused himself by ordering around the waiters. Just as the head waiter walked up he suddenly rapped on his glass with a vigor and a four-tined fork. "Waiter", he cried, There is a fly in my butter." "That's all right," said the head waiter; "Don't mind it. There is no danger of you catching it. The remainder of the meal was finished in silence." "The concert at the Germania Garden last evening, for the benefit of the Saginaw Base Ball Club was a great success, and the proceeds will fill a large gap in the bottom of the treasury."

8/15/1884: News Excerpt: "The glory of the original and only Northwestern League, however, has departed. It got a black eye when Bay City disbanded and a foul tip when Ft. Wayne went out. Stillwater's death gave it sprained ankle, and the withdrawal of Terre Haute took a leg off. There was an attempt to plaster up the unfortunate, but the construction of the circuit of 2,000 miles was too much for the victim and it died a violent death. Grand Rapids and Muskegon omitted from this patent long-distance arrangement, have also disbanded and separated. St. Paul's club went to Milwaukee yesterday, and will probably go on home and give up the ghost also."

8/16/1884: News Excerpts: "John G. Clarkson, of Boston, known as "the only" and the best pitcher of the defunct Northwestern League, left for Chicago yesterday where he joins the Chicagos and will pitch in New York on Tuesday next. He receives \$2,500 for the balance of the season. Clarkson is an acquisition to the Chicagos that they may be proud of. Combining all the qualities of a first-class ball player and a gentleman, he makes friends wherever he goes and increases them the more he is known. **It is the Courier's earnest-wish that his lines may be cast in pleasant places and that the future has in store for him the happiness and success he deserves.**" With Chicago in 1884 he was 10-3, and a 2.14 ERA. **In 1885 Clarkson was 53-16, 1.85 ERA, 308 strike outs in 623**

innings. How is that that for starting out a career in the Major Leagues. Clarkson belongs in the Saginaw County Sports HOF. The '83 and '84 'Old Golds' also belong. **Saginaw beat out Grand Rapids by one game for the 1884 Northwestern League Pennant, going 47-21. Saginaw was 54-30 the year before, totaling a 101-51 record for two years. One report in 1884 showed Saginaw 3 ½ games behind Grand Rapids who was 48-15.**

9/30/1884: Chicago rolls over New York 17-2 as winning pitcher John Clarkson strikes out 7 batters in a row.

7/27/1885: John Clarkson pitched a no-hitter in defeating Providence and Charles Radbourn 4-0. Radbourn won 60 games in one season-an all-time record. Clarkson is second best all-time with 53 M.L. wins in a season.

9/04/1885: Clarkson won both games of a double header against Buffalo 12-4 and 6-0. The next day he beat them again 6-0, it was John's 10th straight win over Buffalo.

Clarkson completed all 70 starts of his in 1885.

7/14/1886: Chicago's Cap Anson refused to let his N.L. champion Chicago White Stockings play against Newark's "**Fleetwood**" **Walker and George Stovey, an all black battery.** They were removed and the game was played. The wait for Jackie Robinson had begun. It wasn't till 1947 when Jackie Robinson stepped on the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers that a black man was back in the majors. That was one long wait.

8/14/1886: Clarkson beat St. Louis for his 17th straight win against them, an all-time record. He struck out 16. The man was amazing.

1886: 'Yank' Robinson's St. Louis Browns were World Champions, beating the Chicago White Stockings and John Clarkson 4 games to 2.

5/08/1887: Negro League game in Louisville: Boston Resolutes 10 Falls City 3, Walker played 3rd base for Boston and was 1 for 5. The league folded two weeks later.

6/18/1887: Chicago beats Detroit 18-6, to win the series 2-1. John Clarkson pitches both victories for the Colts.

6/16/1888: The N.Y. Giants trade Elmer Cleveland to Detroit for hold out 3B **Art Whitney.**

1889: The Players League was formed. Arthur Whitney was under contract with New York. The league folded in 1890.

4/13/1889: Spaulding's World Tour took baseball to New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, Egypt, Naples, Rome, Florence, and Paris. A good time was had by all.

6/22/1889: Boston's John Clarkson raises his record to 20-2 with a 10-inning 1-0, squeaker in Pittsburgh.

4/10/1891: Timothy John Fitzgerald McCoy (Tim McCoy) was born in Saginaw, Mich. He became a major western movie star (90 plus movies). It was said he learned his physical skills from his father who was a policeman in Saginaw during the lumbering era. His Dad may have went to a few 'Old Golds' games! Tim was decorated in WWI and WWII. He was a Brigadier General at age 28, the youngest ever. His second wife was Inga Arvad. Inga was a Danish journalist who was Adolf Hitler's companion at the 1936 Olympics when she was doing stories on him. She was John F. Kennedy's lover when John was 24 and she was 28. Father Kennedy ended that affair. Inga and Tim later married and had two sons together. McCoy died in 1978 at Post Hospital in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona at age 87. Inga predeceased him five years earlier. Tim and Inga are buried in Saginaw's Mount Olivet Cemetery.

1894: Riverside Park opens on Green Point: Merry-go-rounds, roller coasters, ballon ascensions, pavilion dancing-served by Union St. Railway. All vanished, without a trace.

4/12/1895: Cincinnati 11 Page Fence Giants 7. The Page Fence Giants were a Negro ball club that represented the Page Woven Wire Fence Company of Adrian, Michigan.

12/29/1897: Warren Bordwell, Bordwell Opera House owner, died. Headline: Warren Bordwell Joined the Silent Majority.” Bordwell left behind a sister, a brother, and a daughter.

12/29/1897: Headline: HONORED BY FRIENDS-Champion Lightweight of the World Feasted-RECEPTION TO “KID” LAVIGNE. It was held at the Everett House with 24 guests.

4/20/1900: Inaugural American League game in Detroit. Buffalo won 8-0. Detroit sent batters to the plate 26 times with no hits resulting. Attendance: 5,000. Buffalo scored 8 runs on 7 hits. Morris “Doc” Amole, of the ‘Bisons’, tossed the no-hitter. His 2-year career was 4-10.

12/15/1900: News headline: ANOTHER CRIME IN DARKEST INDIANA-THIRD LYNCHING WITHIN THE PAST TWO DAYS-Another Negro Murdered by the Bloodthirsty Mob that Murdered Two Other Negroes Sunday Night. (Boonesville, Indiana)

10/24/1901: Anna Edson Taylor, age 63, Bay City, Michigan teacher, went over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel (1st person ever). She died at age 82 on April 29th, 1921. Anna had earlier lost her husband in the Civil War in 1864. She came to Bay City in 1898 and opened a dance school, later a music school in Sault Ste. Marie, then back to Bay City where she lived in a boarding house. That’s when she got the brain storm to go over the falls. Her barrel was made at the West Bay City Cooperage Company on Fremont Street. The rest is history.

1903: Saginaw County had 11 operating coal mines employing 1,500, one being ‘Red’ McKee.

1905: First car produced in Saginaw (at N. Washington and 6th Street) the Rainer.

5/17/1909: THE FIRST GAME ON NEW DIAMOND-“ With a simple but impressive ceremony, **Clarkson Park**, was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon before a good natured crowd numbering close to 5,000 people. The attendance was remarkable, being the largest opening day crowd in Michigan. Old Sol allowed the anxious fans a few beams of the long looked for sunlight just as **T.G. Clarkson**, father of the famous base ball star drew the crimson and white banner to the top of the flagstaff. As the pennant reached the top of the pole, the band together with both teams and the board of directors, who had gathered around the pole, struck up a lively march and thus mingled with the voices of thousands of people, Clarkson Park, was formally dedicated. Battle Creek beat Bay City 3-2.

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