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"We are the Ship, All Else the Sea"

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In the News

The Derrick C. Jones residency on the Negro Leagues Baseball Era

Derrick C. Jones, class of 1979, returned to **Appalachian State University**, April 12-18 for a residency featuring lectures and presentations on the Negro Leagues Baseball Era for audiences on campus, at public schools and in the community.

Jones, semi-retired after 33 years as a public educator, has always been interested in the Negro Leagues. He has conducted extensive research about that era of American history (1920-1960) for the last 20 years, though he is quick to say his passion is "*just a hobby.*"

The Negro Leagues were an important institution in the fight for civil rights for African-American athletes. However, that era is seldom taught in public schools, leaving this important part of our national history largely unknown.

As an extension of his research, Jones began to gather memorabilia from that time period. His collection has grown into an extensive assortment of Negro Leagues jerseys, baseball mitts, vintage trading cards, autographs, photo collections, figurines, and numerous other Negro Leagues collectibles and artifacts. Many pieces are authentic to the period; some are replicas.

Over time, Jones also developed an interactive program titled "***A History of the Negro Leagues Baseball Era and Players***," which he has shared with schools and communities across **North Carolina** and **Virginia**. Children are invited to participate in the presentation by wearing reproductions of size-appropriate jerseys of famous players and reading short biographies of stars like **Jackie Robinson**, "**Cool Papa**" **Bell**, **John-Henry "Pop" Lloyd** and **Josh Gibson**.

School principals, teachers and students have given Jones' presentation outstanding reviews. One principal wrote, "*This was ... a great experience, not just for my students, but for my staff as well. I could hear, see, and smell the ball field. All that was missing was the peanuts.*"



Paige Returns to Miami

Robert Leroy Paige, not Leroy Robert Paige, returned to his father's homestead as a presenter for the **North American Society for Sports History** (NASSH) conference. Nearly 60 years ago, his father **Satchel Paige** pitched for the **Miami Marlins**, a AAA club in the International League. As a 49-year-old veteran, Satchel compiled a 11-4 won-lost record in his first year, won 10 of 18 decisions the next season, and split 20 decisions in his final season, as the Marlins played less than .500 baseball.

Bob Paige was one of more than 90 presenters at the **University of Miami College of Arts & Sciences**. Former Malloy Conference presenter, **Dan Nathan** did an excellent job as the out-going NASSH President, with the heavy-lifting done by Professor **Don Spivey**, who served as Conference Manager. Spivey has also presented at the Malloy Conference and is author of "***If You Were Only White: The Life of Leroy "Satchel" Paige.***"

Conference highlights included many quality presentations on personalities like **Jimmie Devoe**, **Kenny Washington**, **Woody Strode**, **Muhammad Ali**, **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, **Larry Gains**, and **Althea Gibson**.

Like his Dad, Bob brought his A-game to Miami. At 6' 8" he told several tall tales about Dad and Mom, and their fishing trips, catching his Dad's fastballs, celebrities who came by the house, the family farm & pet care, and the chores Dad always had for the kids. Bob Paige had the scholarly audience captivated, with story after story about his legendary father. As one professor said, "***He's the second coming of Buck O'Neil.***"

If your schedule permits, see **Bob Paige** at the **Jerry Malloy Conference** in Pittsburgh during the weekend of August 6-8 at the **Wyndham Grand Hotel**. Only eight discounted hotel rooms are left at this five-star hotel. So hurry and make your reservations.

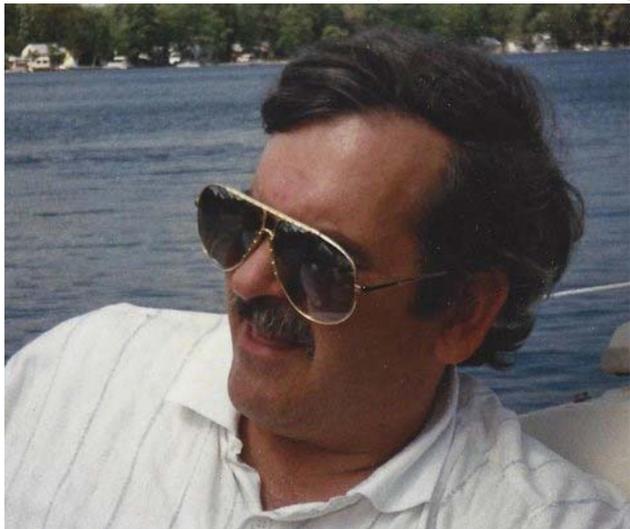


Dick Clark's Memorial Service

By Rick Meister & Joyce Stearnes-Thompson

On Saturday May 16 at the **Eastern Michigan University Student Center** a memorial was held for Dick Clark who passed away on December 8, 2014. In attendance were members of his family, SABR friends, and co-workers from **Kroger**. Several personal photos and tributes were on display as well as a few items from Dick's vast collection of baseball memorabilia.

Prior to the service **Kelsey and Cloe Holmberg**



(granddaughters) supplied chamber music. Hymns were sung by **Joyce Stearnes Thompson** and her sister **Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown** and granddaughter **Macy Holmberg**, readings were given by **Cloe and Nathan Holmberg** (grandson). Remembrances were given by **Kris Holmberg** (step son) regarding his early relationship with Dick especially after his mother married Dick and how Dick eventually integrated into Kris's family and became Grandpa Dick. **Rick Meister** talked about Dick's love of the Negro Leagues, involvement in getting NL players elected to Cooperstown and how his dedication to research made Richard the elite Black Baseball historian and book collector.

Turkey Stearnes' two daughters spoke of their relationship with Richard. Rosilyn cited the many emails and phone calls from Dick on his efforts to get her father elected into the Baseball HoF and his surprise at being invited to Mr. Stearnes' Cooperstown induction ceremony in 2000. Joyce spoke of her early dislike of Dick because he had taken her father's name for his e-mail address and refusal to give it up. She said she only recently had grown to accept and understand his choice after attending the 2014 JM conference and learning of depth of Dick's and many other historians research.

A short impromptu tribute was given by **Gary Gillette** who spoke of Mr. Clark's frequent apology for the improper identification the location of **Hamtramck Stadium**. Gary was confident that Dick was not the

origin of this error but marveled at his willingness to be the fall guy. Also **Leslie Heaphy** spoke about her early days in SABR and the fact that Dick was the first member she met and his joy at seeing the reaction of other members when they found out she was a girl. The last speaker was one of his friends from **Kroger** who stated that Dick was very friendly with everyone he worked with and spoke often about Detroit sports but no one realized his depth of knowledge about baseball and the Negro Leagues.

Finally the most poignant comment came from **Joyce Thompson Stearnes** who stated "*I imagine by now that my mom has introduced Dick to my father and they are celebrating and having a glorious time in baseball Heaven. Dick is probably asking my father all of the questions that my sister and I could not answer and that he could not find the answers to in his research.*"

Additional plans are underway to celebrate the life of Dick Clark at the Jerry Malloy Conference in Pittsburgh. Please join us.

Moses Fleetwood Walker Day

The Ohio State House has introduced a bill to designate October 7 as Moses Fleetwood Walker Day. The Bill reads as:

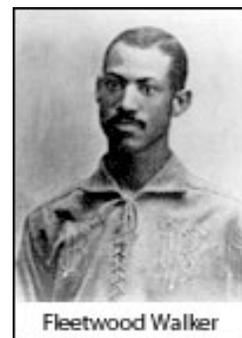
Section 1. That section 5.2298 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Section 2. The seventh day of October is designated as "Moses Fleetwood Walker Day" in honor of the Ohioan who was the first African-American major league baseball player under contract.

In declaring the seventh day of October "Moses Fleetwood Walker Day," the general assembly recognizes the contribution that Moses Fleetwood Walker made to the integration of professional athletics. Born in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, on October 7, 1856, Moses Fleetwood Walker played one season with the **Toledo Blue Stockings** and died in Cleveland in 1924.

Craig Brown at browncraig77@hotmail.com is leading this charge and is requesting letters of support. Letters can be sent to honorable Representative **Stephen Slesnick** at Ohio House of Representatives, 77 S. High St., 10th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.

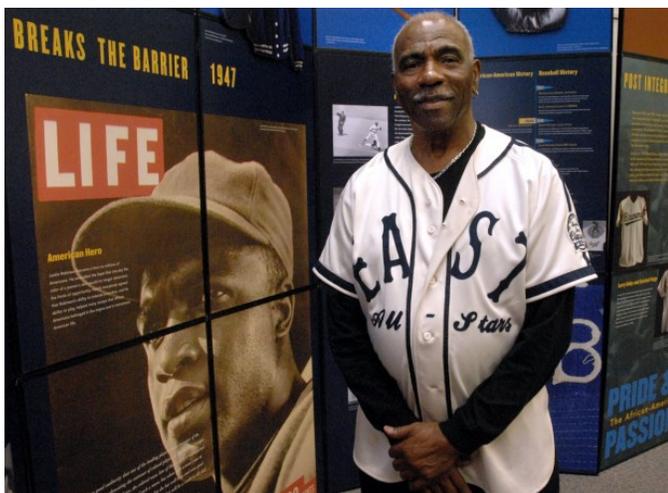
Support has been received from the **Mayor of Cadiz**, Ohio, Mr. **Kenneth Zitko**, who wrote from 1904 to 1922, Mr. Walker and his wife operated an **Opera House** located on Market Street in Cadiz. Retail stores presently occupy the first floor with apartments on the second floor of the structure. Currently, new owners of the property are refurbishing with the interest in maintaining the historical treasure.



Come and meet Spearman & Westfield in Chicago -

The **SABR 45 Negro Leagues Panel** is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the **Palmer House Hilton**. Visit SABR.org/convention for complete information on SABR 45 registration rates, all-inclusive packages, and optional sessions. Or [click here to register for SABR 45](#). The Negro Leagues Panel is expected to include:

- **Al Spearman:** Al was a top pitcher in the final years of the Negro Leagues, playing for the Chicago American Giants and Kansas City Monarchs from 1949-51. In 1952, the 20-year-old was signed by the Chicago White Sox and played in the minor leagues and Japan until retiring in 1959. He went 60-34 with a 2.84 ERA in six minor-league seasons, advancing as far as the Triple-A level. He later became a salesman with 7-Up.
- **Ernie Westfield:** Ernie "turned off the lights" on the Negro Leagues, pitching for the Birmingham Black Barons from 1959 to 1965. He was the starting pitcher for the East in the final East-West All-Star Game at Comiskey Park in 1960. In recent years, he has dedicated his life to studying and speaking about the Negro Leagues. He is the CEO of ELW Enterprises, which sells Negro Leagues memorabilia.



- More speakers TBA
- **Moderator: Larry Lester, author and historian**

Votemore for Mount Rushmore!

Recently, Major League Baseball in conjunction with the 2015 All-Star Game in Cincinnati introduced the "**Franchise Four**," a campaign which asks fans to vote for the "most impactful" four players in their team's history. With the voting open to the public and encouraging the stuffing of the ballot box, the **Negro Leagues Committee** has decided to have its own "Franchise Four" or "Mount Rushmore" voting.



Below are several categories for your voting pleasure. Sorry but you are only allowed to vote once in each category. I will compile the votes and print them in the next *Courier* newsletter. So have fun voting and send your candidates to Larry Lester at: NTresearch@comcast.net

1. **Mount Strikemore** - Who are your top four **strikeout** pitchers from Black Baseball?
2. **Mount Heatmore** - Who are your top four pitchers with **heat**?
3. **Mount Acemore** - Who are the top four **aces** on your pitching staff?
4. **Mount Studsmore** - Who are your top four **studs**?
5. **Mount Favmore** - Who are your top four **favorite** players?
6. **Mount Slugmore** - Who are your top four **sluggers**?
7. **Mount Hitsmore** - Who are your top four **hitters**?
8. **Mount Manmore** - Who are your top four **owners** or **managers**?
9. **Mount Glovesmore** - Who are your top four fielders? (courtesy of Dwayne Isgrig)
10. **Mount Stealsmore** - Who are your top four base stealers? (courtesy of Dwayne Isgrig)

You don't have to vote in all 10 categories, but please vote. And don't forget to have fun!

The National Pastime Museum's Art Grant

The National Pastime Museum announces a grant in memory of the site's founding director Frank J. Ceresi. Ceresi, a former **Arlington County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court** judge and a principal in a business specializing in museum consulting and legal services of sports-related activities, died January 14, 2014 at Powhatan Nursing Home in Falls Church, Virginia. He was 64 and an Arlington resident.

From 1987 to 1997, Mr. Ceresi was an Arlington judge. For the next few years, he was curator and executive director of collections at what then was the **MCI National Sports Gallery**.

Since 2001, he had been a principal in the Falls Church-based FC Associates consulting. This included appraisals of **Smithsonian Institution and Library of Congress** collections.

More recently, Judge Ceresi and **Carol McMains** were principals of **FC Associates**, a business specializing in museum consulting, appraisals, and legal services (www.fcassociates.com). They have also authored several books including *Baseball Americana: Treasures at the Library of Congress* (Smithsonian Books/Harper Collins Publishers, 2009) and *Baseball in Washington, D.C.* (Arcadia Publishing, 2002).

The Ceresi "**Baseball as Art Grant**" is a **\$10,000** grant intended to support visual artists, ages 18 and up, whose work relates to baseball and will be awarded to finance the creation of a baseball focused original work of art.

Proposals should outline in detail the intended concept and medium and convey as much about the overall final piece as possible in 1-2 pages. Along with your proposal, please submit 2-3 images/samples of past work in the same area/medium you intend to work in for the grant project. All proposals shall become the property of the Museum and shall not be returned.

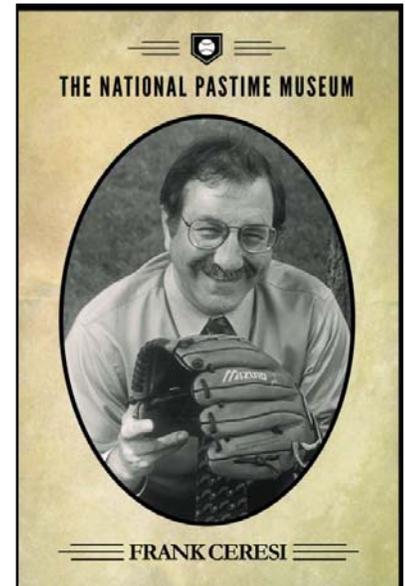
By submitting a proposal you agree that, if chosen for the grant, that images of your artwork may be displayed on **The National Pastime Museum** website and that you will sell the original work created with the grant and all rights to use and display it to the Museum for \$5,000 to become a part of the private collection that supports the site. The grant recipient's work will be appropriately credited when featured on the site or otherwise.

Proposals should be submitted and received by midnight PST, Sunday, **October 4, 2015**. The grant recipient will be announced Tuesday, **December 1, 2015**. The recipient's work must be completed between **December 1, 2015** and **July 12, 2016**. The final piece will be presented to the public on The National Pastime Museum website during the **2016 World Series**.

Please email proposals and supporting materials with the subject: "**Frank Ceresi Grant**" to admin@tnpmuseum.com. Please be sure to include your name and contact information.

The National Pastime Museum's mission is to educate the public about the history of baseball and the people who influenced the game by using a collection of baseball artifacts, artworks, literature, photographs, memorabilia, and articles in a fun and creative way.

The National Pastime Museum is an online museum at



<http://www.thenationalpastimemuseum.com/> based on a private collection of baseball artifacts. The love of the game and its history prompted the creation of this site. It serves as a way to share this significant collection with the public and to facilitate a conversation about the role baseball continues to play in our lives and in our nation's history.

Three Research Requests:

1. 1946 Newark Eagles

Biographers are needed for a bioproject on the 1946 Newark Eagles. If you have a favorite Eagle player you would like to write a biography about contact: Rich Puerzer at richard.j.puerzer@hofstra.edu.

2. Winter Meetings Book Project

A new big book project is in need of many writers to write about the Negro Leagues. Please contact Bill Nowlin (bnowlin@rounder.com) for the details.

3. Bio Information needed by Gary Ashwill

Ashwill is looking for biographical information on the following players: **William Penn Thompson** (1887-1900, 1911--of, Louisville Falls City (NCBBL), Genuine Cuban Giants, Bellows Falls Sulphites (VT) (Twin State League); **Nestro Sabater Cruz** (1926--of, Lincoln (NY) Giants, Newark Stars); **Nat Howard** (1920-29--p, 3b, Norfolk Giants, Harrisburg Giants, Baltimore Black Sox, Detroit Stars, Lincoln (NY) Giants, Norfolk Stars, Schenectady Mohawk Giants); **Leslie Jackson** (1921, 1926--p, c, of, Indianapolis ABC's, Newark Stars); **Wade Thompson** (1922-26--p, of, Harrisburg Giants, Richmond Giants (NAA), Baltimore Black Sox); and **Slim Robbins** (1926, 1935, 1938--p, 2b, Harrisburg Giants, Bacharach (AC) Giants).

Contact Gary Ashwill at: gary.ashwill@gmail.com

Sunrises!

JUNE

- 8TH – LIONEL EVELYN - 86
- 14TH – DON NEWCOMBE - 87
- 19TH – HANK MASON - 84
- 20TH – AL CARTMILL, JR. - 85
- 21ST – ART SIMMONS - 78
- 22ND – BOB SCOTT - 85
- 23RD – ULYSSES HOLLIMON – 84
- 24TH – NEALE “BOBO” HENDERSON – 85
- 30TH – RENDON MARBURY - 78



JULY

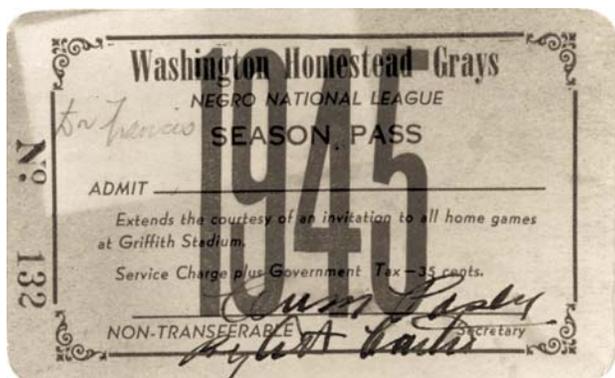
- 1ST – FRANK ENSLEY - 88
- 7TH – JUMPIN’ JOHNNY WILSON - 88
- 16TH – CLIFF DUBOSE - 78
- 19TH – JOHNNY FAIRLEY – 74
- 26TH – PEDRO SIERRA – 77
- 30TH – WILLIAM BELL – 85
- 31ST – DON JOHNSON – 89 & POP DURHAM - 84

AUGUST

- 1ST – A.J. JACKSON - 82
- 5TH – IRA MCKNIGHT, JR. - 80
- 8TH – GRADY MONTGOMERY – 84
- 12TH – **RAYMON LACY – 93**
- 19TH – WALT “COACH O” OWENS – 82
- 22ND – CARL HOLDEN – 74
- 25TH – CLARENCE “CHOO CHOO” COLEMAN – 78
- 26TH – **IKE WELCH – 95**, AL SPEARMAN – 89
- 29TH – RICH BOOKER – 86
- 31ST – **JAKE SANDERS - 81**

CONGRATULATIONS to Nonagenarians,
RAYMOND LACY & IKE WELCH.

**At press time there are about 185 living
Negro League legends.**



Sunsets

DAVEY (DAVE) L. WHITNEY, 85, died May 10, 2015, in Biloxi, Mississippi, after a long battle with brain and lung cancer. Whitney played outfield and shortstop for the **Kansas City Monarchs** from 1952 to 1955. He replaced future Hall of Famer **Ernie Banks** at shortstop before leaving the Monarchs to coach high school basketball in Clarksville, Tennessee.



A star athlete at **Kentucky State**, he earned more athletic letters than any other athlete in KSU history, lettering in basketball, baseball, football and track. For his athletic accomplishments, Whitney was inducted into the **KSU Hall of Fame**.

The Midway (near Lexington), Kentucky native spent 32 years coaching at the SWAC at Texas Southern (1964-1969) and Alcorn State (1969-89, 1996-2003). He won more than 550 games. His **Alcorn Braves** became the *first* historically black university to win an NIT (1979) and a NCAA tournament game (1980). Named **SWAC Coach of the Year 10 times**, the all-purpose arena at the university is named the **Davey Whitney Complex**.

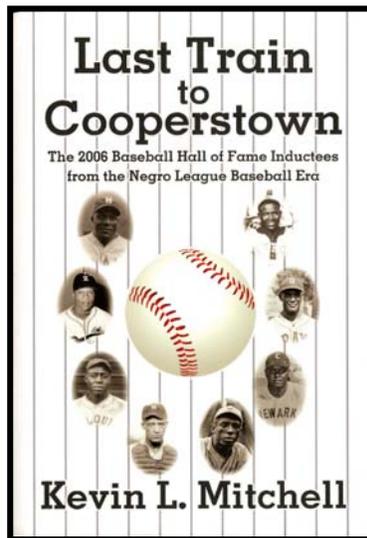
In 1984, Indiana coach **Bob Knight** named him to his Olympic coaching staff. This would be the last U.S. amateur team to win an Olympic gold medal in men's basketball. This collegiate team included future NBA greats **Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, and Chris Mullins**.

Alongside Whitney, Alcorn is home to alumni greats such as author **Alex Haley**, activist **Medgar Evers**, and sports figures **Steve McNair, Leslie Frazier** and most importantly his mentor, Cooperstown Hall of Fame pitcher **Willie Foster**, who also served as its Dean of Men for the college. Whitney later raised funds to purchase a headstone for Foster's unmarked grave.

In 2010, Whitney, along with coach **Tex Winter**, and players **Christian Laettner, Jerry West, David Thompson, and Sidney Wicks**, were inducted into the **National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame** in Kansas City. He is also a member of the **Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame**. Destined for stardom, little Davey's baby-sitter was future Olympian gold medalist **Wilma Rudolph**. Nice!

Last Train to Cooperstown: The 2006 Baseball Hall of Fame Inductees from the Negro League Baseball Era by **Kevin L. Mitchell**

Banned from the Major Leagues due to racial discrimination for nearly the first half of the 20th Century, African Americans had their own teams and formed their own leagues. In 2005 there were 24 former Negro League players in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. However, this did not give Negro League baseball the recognition it deserved for its contributions to the sport. A committee of baseball historians recommended seventeen other deserving inductees for the 2006 Hall of Fame class. This inadvertently shut the door on future inductees for the Negro Leagues. Hopefully with more research of the era in the future, others will be added.



But metaphorically, there will never be another train to Cooperstown from Negro League baseball like in 2006. *Last Train to Cooperstown* uncovers and brings to light, the deep, unshakable, and everlasting roots African Americans have in America's great game. The book is stocked at Barnes and Noble Bookstores. If not on the shelf, the store will order you a copy. It can also be ordered online through the publisher, *Black Rose Writing*, at:

<http://www.blackrosewriting.com/sports/last-train-to-cooperstown>, Amazon (www.amazon.com/), and Barnes and Nobles (www.barnesandnoble.com/).

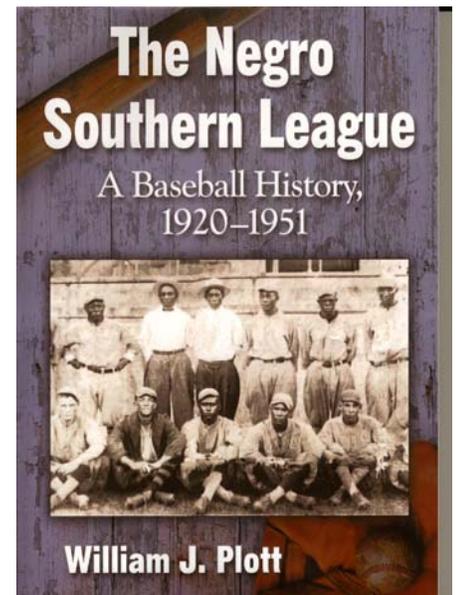
The price is \$14.95.

Also read Mitchell's baseball history blog at: www.thebaseballscroll.blogspot.com Here you will find some wonderful articles about Bubba Hyde, Pee Wee Austin, Ted Page, Turkey Stearnes and one of my favorite players, Newt Allen.

The Negro Southern League: A Baseball History, 1920-1951 by **William J. Plott**

The Negro Southern League was a baseball minor league that operated off and on from 1920 to 1951. It served as a valuable feeder system to the Negro National League and the Negro American League. A number of NNL and NAL stars got their start in the NSL, among them five Hall of Famers including **Satchel Paige, Hilton Smith, Turkey Stearnes, Mule Suttles, and Willie Mays**. During its history, more than 80 teams were members of the league, representing 40 cities in a dozen states. In the end only four teams remained, operating more as semipro than professional teams. This book is a narrative history of the league from its inception with eight teams in major Southern cities until its demise three decades later.

Plott's book fills a tremendous void in Negro League history, as many new teams are discovered, such as the **Memphis Cardinals, Memphis Giants, Chattanooga Tigers, Jackson (TN) Cubs, Atlanta Grey Sox, Atlanta Panthers, Atlanta Athletics, Charlotte Black**



Hornets, Algiers Giants and others . The appendices include seasonal champions from 1920 to 1949; no-hit games; and yearly rosters with many new players;

According to Dr. Layton Revel of the **Center for Negro League Baseball Research**, Plott's book is phenomenal. *"It is one of the best if not best books ever written on Negro League baseball. It is extremely well researched and was an enjoyable read. It is the definitive work on black baseball in the South. Each page has a wealth of unpublished research with supporting documentation."*

Get your copy from McFarland Publishers.

The Negro Leagues Committee awards \$2,500 scholarships

SABR's [Negro Leagues Research Committee](#) is pleased to award \$2,500 scholarships to two 2015 high school seniors in its **sixth** annual national essay contest. They beat out more than **115** candidates from **38** states and countries. The selection committee was comprised of educators Leslie Heaphy, Stephanie Liscio, Mel May and Josh Salvner.

The **Thomas R. Garrett Memorial Scholarship** contest was open to high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution and carrying a minimum 2.5 GPA at the end of their junior year. Students had to write a 1,000-word essay answering one of the following questions: **"Who is Effa Manley and why was she significant to Negro League History?"** or **"Choose a Negro League player and explain their significance."**

Jeff Boelter



Boelter is a graduate of St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis, MO. He will be attending Maryville University (St. Louis) in the fall, where he will double major in Financial Services and Sports Business Management. Jeff is an avid sports fan, but has a passion for baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals. He spends much of his free time studying the game, whether it is through articles, books, or documentaries. He is most fascinated by early 20th century Major League Baseball, and the economics of MLB teams and the league. Jeff has been heavily involved in athletics throughout high school. He spent three years working for his high school athletic director as an Athletic Ambassador, which is a GameDay operations assistant with duties ranging from assisting players and coaches, to tickets and parking. Jeff also found success working in athletics for his parish, where he was a referee and umpire for basketball, soccer, and baseball, as well as rising to the position of field manager for baseball and soccer, and batting cage manager for baseball. His involvement in athletics inspired him to pursue a career on the business side of Major League Baseball. Outside of sports, Jeff is a member of the International Thespian Honors Society following four years of dedicated theatre performance and work. He is an avid fan of history, movies, and the filmmaking process, and is also an amateur photographer. His winning essay was entitled, **"The Greatest Gift: The Contributions of Effa Manley."**

Kari Whiteside



My name is **Kari Whiteside**, and I am a senior at Granada Hills Charter High School in Los Angeles, CA. I live in Southern California with my mom, my dad, my fifteen-year-old brother, Michael, and my ten-year-old sister, Kelli. I like to describe myself as artistic, because I have always loved to paint, draw, and especially write. Besides art, I play volleyball and do Girl Scouts. I am very excited to be an incoming freshman at University of California in Santa Barbara in the fall of 2015. My major is Computer Science, because my favorite subject is Calculus and I am very interested in learning about how computers work. I am ecstatic to begin college and I am honored to receive the SABR Negro Leagues Committee Scholarship for my essay! Her winning essay was entitled **"The Significance of Hank Aaron."**

For more details about the conference and other contests visit: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html> or call 816.589.7940.



America's *original* Negro Baseball League Conference

August 6th (Thur) to 8th (Sat) - 2015 Pittsburgh, PA

General Information

SABR's **Negro Leagues Committee** encourages the study and research of African American baseball and its influence on society and sport history. The Conference promotes activities to enhance scholarly, educational, and literary objectives.

The annual **JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE** is hosted by the **SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH (SABR's) NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE**. Since 1998, the Conference is the *only* symposium dedicated exclusively to the examination and promotion of black baseball history.

Commonly Asked Questions

How Can I Register?

Internet: click here - [The SABR Store](#)

SABR accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover Card (no AMEX)

By Mail: Send the **Registration Form** on page nine (9) with full payment to:

SABR, Attn: Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference

4455 E. Camelback Rd., Suite D-140, Phoenix, AZ 85018

What Are the Key Cut-Off Dates?

[\\$2,500 Scholarship Entry Deadline](#) _____ March 23, 2015

[Call for Papers & Poster Presentations](#) _____ April 24, 2015

Early Conference Registration Ends Monday _____ **May 18, 2015** 

Art Contest Deadline June 15, 2015

Ads for Conference Booklet (**see page 11**) June 29, 2015

[Cut-Off Date for Wyndham Grand Hotel](#) Registration **July 13, 2015** 

Regular Registration Deadline **July 31, 2015** 

Is the Conference only for members of SABR?

No, the conference is OPEN to all baseball, history and sports fans of all ages.



“Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference” for the latest news & photos.

Historical information about the conference can be found at: <http://sabr.org/malloy>



August 6 (Thur) to 8th (Sat) - 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA

# of Packages	Registration Packages	EARLY by May 18	REGULAR by July 31	On-Site	Total
	Education Forum package – Thursday only Includes Teachers' Guide & Lesson Plans.	\$15	\$20	\$30	
	Adult Package Includes all presentations, "Meet & Greet," ballgame at PNC Park , & Awards Banquet, plus education forum and Meet & Greet.	\$155	\$175	\$199	
	Student Package - <i>(with ID) Full time students only.</i> Includes all presentations, "Meet & Greet," ballgame at PNC Park , & Awards Banquet, plus education forum and Meet & Greet.	\$110	\$125	\$140	
	Single Day Conference Package – Friday or Saturday Conference presentations only. Does not include "Meet & Greet," ballgame, transportation, or Awards Banquet.	\$90	\$100	\$110	
Sub-Total					
# of Additional Tickets	Additional Cost for Family & Friends	Individual Ticket Prices		Total	
	Saturday Night's Awards Banquet	\$65			
	Friday Night's Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Pittsburgh Pirates. All You Can Eat, Section 203 - Only 80 tickets available All the hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, salads, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream and soda you can handle. Water & adult beverages are available for purchase at nearby concession stands.	\$48			
	PNC Park tour (Thursday 2:00)	\$6			
	Thursday night's "Meet & Greet" Reception at the Wyndham Grand Hotel [Includes snacks & refreshments]. Headcount is required.	\$20			
You may also donate funds in ANY AMOUNT for: SABR is a 501 C-3					
	Grave Marker Project – click name for NBC Video				
	Student Scholarships – click name for more information				
	HELP Sponsor a Player of your Choice, \$100 to \$750				
Grand Total					

Click here: [SABR Store for Registration](#) or type <http://sabr.org/malloy> in web browser

Or pay by mail: Make your checks or money orders out to **SABR – Malloy Conference**.
4455 E. Camelback Rd., Suite D-140, Phoenix, AZ 85018 - (800) 969-7227 or (602) 343-6455

Note: Non-SABR members pay the on-site registration fee



Hotel
Registration
August 6th (Thur) to 8th
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PA

Wyndham Grand Downtown Hotel

600 Commonwealth Place - Pittsburgh, PA 15222

[Google Map](#)

Phone: · (412) 391-4600

Ask for the “Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference”.

or

Register at this secured [online link](#) to get the discounted rates:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=13822605

Conference Room Rates are:

Single or Doubles: \$189 a night, plus taxes

Cut-Off Date for Wyndham’s Discounted Rooms is: July 13, 2015

Don’t Delay - Register Today! **Call:** · (412) 391-4600

[Click here for the Wyndham Grand’s FACT SHEET](#)

This WYNDHAM does NOT provide shuttle service.

- **Go to page thirteen (13) for directions to the Hotel from various locations.**





PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH AN AD

Dear Supporters & Friends of the Negro Leagues:

We would like to extend an invitation to you to become a participant in the 18th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. We are seeking your support with a LOW-COST ad in the conference booklet. This conference is scheduled to take place from August 6th – 8th at the **Wyndham Grand Downtown Hotel**.

This year's conference will include research presentations, player panels, exhibits, a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game and special events centered on our theme "**Baseball's Best: The Grays & the Crawfords**" with topics on the **Pittsburgh Crawfords, Homestead Grays, Greenlee Field, Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard, Vic Harris, Rap Dixon**, and much more.

In attendance will be authors, historians, researchers and scholars, former players, educators, fans, collectors, sponsors and vendors. We are excited about adding you to our list of participants. We are asking for your support with an ad in the booklet given out to all conference attendees, local libraries, local media and museums among others. The booklet is tentatively entitled "**Baseball's Best: The Grays & the Crawfords,**" and will be published by [McFarland Publishing](#).

The print block for ads is 4 3/8 inches by 7 1/2 inches.

- Half page ad - \$65
- Full page ad - \$120
- Business Card - \$30

Submission deadline is June 29, 2015

Submissions received after the deadline will have a copy of their ad included in the goody bags given to all members. Submissions should be print ready and sent as an e-mail attachment, or a high resolution format on CD. Acceptable formats are JPG or TIF or DOC or PDF.

If you have further questions please call Leslie Heaphy at 330-244-3304 or e-mail her at Lheaphy@kent.edu. All ads are sent to **Dr. Leslie Heaphy at Kent State, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Rd, North Canton, OH 44720**. Checks can be made out to SABR (Society for American Baseball Research) and indicate in the memo it is for "*Malloy conference ads.*" **Monies raised help support bringing Negro League players to the conference, along with providing funds for library grants, and student scholarships.** Thanks in advance for your support.

GOODY BAG DONATIONS:

If an ad is not in your budget at this time, we are accepting items such as brochures, schedules, pins, magazines, booklets, magnet, souvenirs, etc., for our goody bags. We need between 75 - 100 items. Donations can be sent to: **George Skornickel, 1416 Sun Mind Road, Tarentum, PA 15084.** georgeskornickel@gmail.com or 724-554-0176

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We appreciate your support.



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Outfielder **Yasiel Puig**.



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Go to our  page for updates, etc.



Directions to Wyndham Grand Hotel, Downtown Pittsburgh

600 Commonwealth Place - Pittsburgh, PA 15222

<http://binged.it/18xY49U>

From the North

Take 79S, merge onto 279 S to Pittsburgh. Exit 1A on left to Ft. Duquesne Boulevard. Turn right at Stanwix Street. Stay right on Penn Avenue. Turn right on Commonwealth Place.

From the South

Travel 79N, merge to 376 E via exit 59A to Pittsburgh. Exit 70A to Liberty Avenue. Turn left on Commonwealth Place.

From the East

Take 376W, exit 70D on left to Stanwix Street. Turn left at Ft. Pitt Boulevard. Turn right on Commonwealth Place.

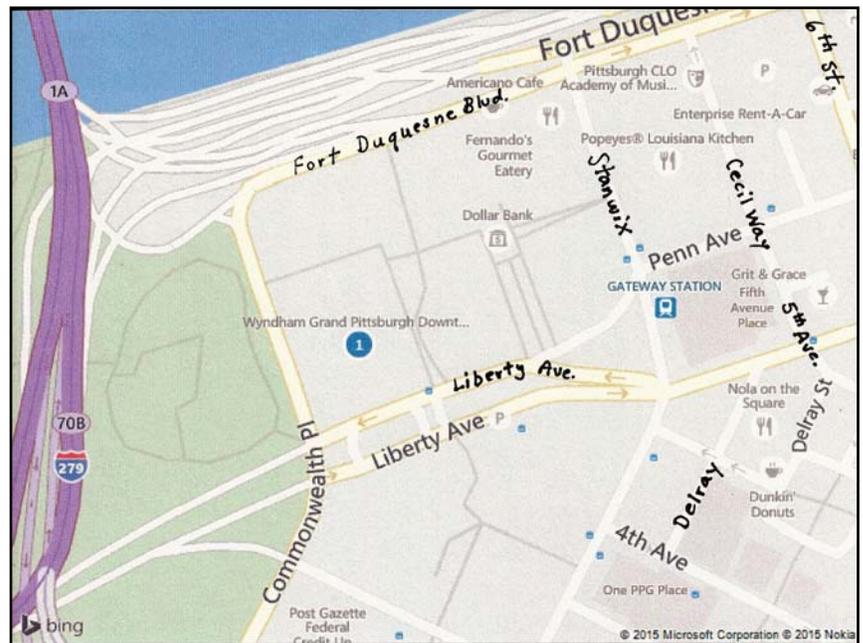
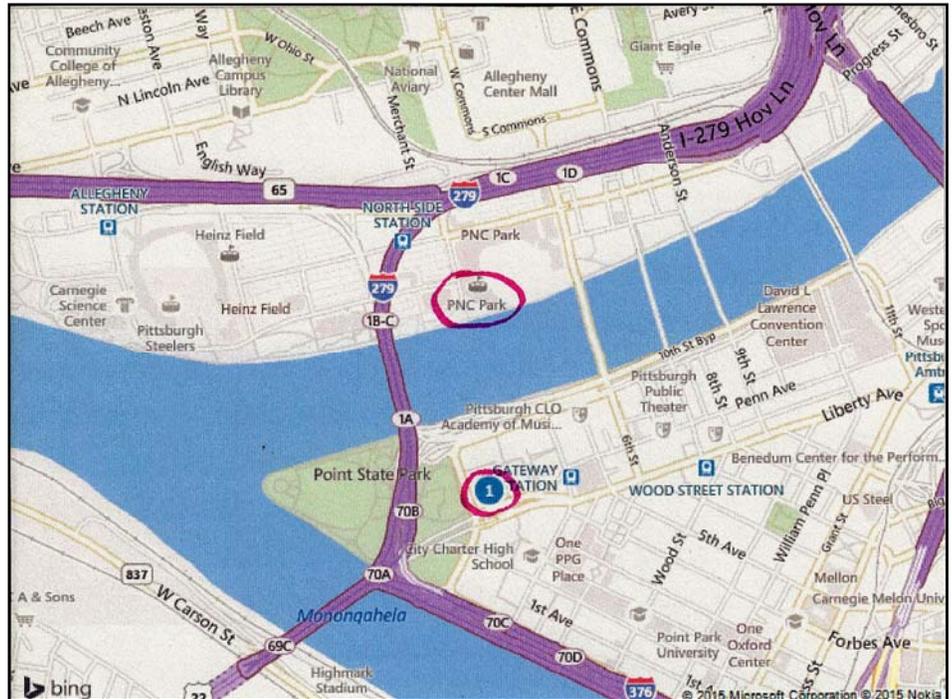
From the West

Take 376 E, exit 70A to Liberty Avenue. Turn left on Commonwealth Place.

From Airport

Go North on Airport Blvd and bear slight left to exit Airport. Take 376E towards Pittsburgh to 279N. Exit at 70A for CONSOL Center and take Blvd of Allies / Liberty Avenue exit. Make left at end of ramp onto Commonwealth Place.

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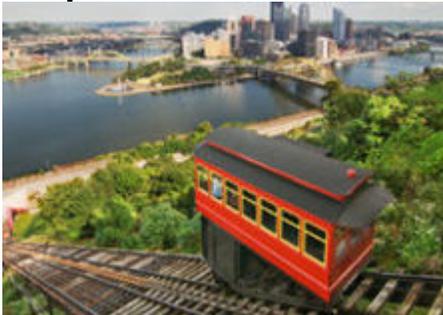
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Come One, Come All

Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, August 6th - Education Forum – 9 a.m. to 12:30

Each participant will receive a notebook of lesson plans and materials to aid in developing class projects.

Instructor: [Leslie Heaphy](#). The forum will take place at the Wyndham Hotel. See page 13 for map link.

EVENTS FOR THURSDAY

- 9:15 - 9:30 Registration for Education program
- 9:45 - 12:30 Education program
- 2:00 - 5:00 Conference Registration at Wyndham Hotel
- 2:00 - 3:00 Tour of PNC Park (transportation via the "T" – no cost
- 6:00 - 8:00 Meet & Greet Reception - at Wyndham Hotel

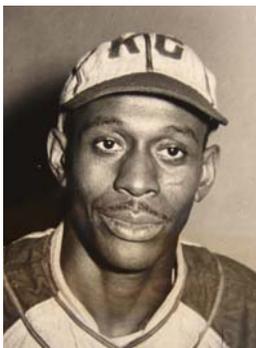
Friday, August 7th (presentations, players' panel, and ball game)

Registration at **Wyndham Hotel, Pittsburgh** begins at 7:30 a.m.

- 8:30 - 9:00 - Welcome: Larry Lester – NLC co-Chairman
- 9:00 - 9:30 - **Rich Puerzer** - The 1935 Negro National League Pennant Series: The Pittsburgh Crawfords vs. The New York Cubans
- 9:30 - 10:00 - **James Brunson** - Black Ball in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, 1870-1899
- 10:00 - 10:30 - Courtesy Break

- 10:30 - 11:00 - **Todd Peterson** Kings of the Hill: The Pittsburgh Keystones
- 11:00 - noon - Special Appearance by a Pirate player TBA
- Noon - 1:15 - Lunch on your own

- 1:30 - 2:30 - Special appearance by **Satchel Paige's son Robert**
- 2:30 - 3:00 - Courtesy Break
- 3:00 - 3:30 - **David Krell** The Pen Is Mightier: Wendell Smith, The Pittsburgh Courier, and Black Sportswriters in the Age of Jim Crow
- 3:30 - 4:00 - **Sherman Jenkins** Ted Strong, Jr.: A Negro Baseball League Enigma No More!
- 4:30 - 5:30 - Travel to **PNC Park via the "T" – no cost to you**
- 6:00 - 6:15 - Robert Paige honored at PNC Park
- 6:35 - Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Los Angeles Dodgers



Robert "Bob" Paige

"Satchel" Paige's oldest son, Bob, is making a rare public appearance. He last appearance at the Malloy Conference was 2006 in Kansas City, Missouri, in celebration of his Dad's 100th birthday. We are truly exciting about hearing from the son of perhaps the greatest pitcher in the Negro Leagues and arguably the best in baseball universally. Please join us for new tales about baseball's greatest showman and father.

More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>



Saturday, August 8th (presentations, Research Q&A, trivia contest & awards banquet)

Registration at **Wyndham Grand Hotel** begins at 8:00 a.m.

8:45 - 9:00 - **Welcome by Larry Lester**

9:00 - 9:30 - **Tim Rives** Segregated Baseball at Leavenworth (Kansas) Penitentiary, 1912-1932

9:30 - 10:00 - **Bernard McKenna** The Baltimore Black Sox: Genesis
10:00 - 10:30 - **Courtesy Break**

10:30 - 11:00 - **Rick Kenney** Dark Dragons: Doby & Newk in Nagoya, Japan, 1962

11:00 - 11:30 - **Josh Howard** The Wendell Smith Papers: Creating a Digital Exhibit/Archive at the National Baseball Hall of Fame

11:30 - Noon - **Jim Overmyer** The Search for Sol White: A SABR Detective Story

Noon - 1:15 - **Lunch on your own**

1:30 - 2:00 - **Michael Lomax** A League of their own: Rube Foster's Pitfalls of Baseball Revisited

2:00 - 3:00 - **Special Presentation TBA**
3:00 - 3:30 - **Courtesy Break**

3:30 - 4:45 - **Q & A Research Panel** (panelists TBA)

4:45 - 5:30 - **Trivia Prelims & Finals** with moderator **Ted Knorr**

6:00 - 7:00 - **Cash bar reception**

7:00 - 10:30 - **Awards Dinner, with entertainment and silent & live auctions**

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