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Box 1

Scrapbook

A bound music book, *Brainard's Melodic School for the Violin*, used as scrapbook for newspaper clippings and other materials related to the baseball career of catcher Arthur Sewell.

1909 season of the Galena Speed Boys [Galena, IL]

41 pages of clippings.

Won 49 games, lost 16, tied one.

Brief mention that they played game in Galena against Chicago Cubs.

1910 season of the Lincoln Club [Lincoln, IL] of the Illinois-Missouri League

10 pages of clippings.

Includes clippings regarding Sewell being drafted by the Chicago Cubs only to be let go when they acquire a much needed pitcher, Vic Willis, from the St. Louis Cardinals.

1911 season with the Lexington Club [Lexington, KY], Colts, of the Blue Grass League

6 pages of clippings.

Blue Grass League becomes the first league to be expelled from baseball by the National Association of Baseball Leagues on March 21, 1911.

1914 season with the Rockford Wolves [Rockford, IL], Wisconsin-Illinois League

14 pages.

2 pages that have Sewell with the Freeport team [Freeport, IL], from which he is released (1914 or 1915?).

1 page discusses the dissolving of the league.

Photographs

Unidentified team(s)

1. Team photo [mounted].
2. Photo of batter just starting for first base with five figures in the background. Figures are captioned. Batter is Jimmy Viox. Others are: Yancy, Robbins, Badger, Sewell, and Kimbro.

3. Photo of batter (labeled C. Kremer) and catcher (labeled Archer) with caption on back "9th Inning \ Kramer making hit."
4. Postcard with picture of one player [Sewell?] just throwing the ball.

Galena

5. Postcard team picture with caption "Galena Speed Boys 1909." "Collier" in lower right hand corner.
6. Postcard team picture with "In Dixon today. This is part of the Galena team. They say I eat too many pickles to take a good picture. Sorry to hear what you told me Huntley will be quarintined [sic] someday. Have 3 hard games here today and Sterling tomorrow & Friday. (Arthur)" Sent to Mrs. E.C. Sewell, Huntley, IL. Postmarked June 23, 1909, Dixon, IL.

Lincoln

7. Postcard ballpark picture with "I M [Illinois Missouri] League Lincoln, Ill \ A Pretty Catch \ Ohmart, Photo."
8. Postcard with picture of player in uniform captioned on the back "Mr. Jack Stewart \ Lincoln Ball Club \ Battery Partner 1910."
9. Postcard with picture of a ball player (Sewell) with "LINCOLN" on the front of the uniform.
10. Another copy of above item.
11. Postcard with picture of a ball player. Captioned on back "Walter Hanson \ Lincoln I & M Club \ 1910."

Lexington

12. Single figure photo with caption "Lexington Club Blue Grass League Season 1911" [mounted].
13. Postcard team picture with a diamond logo with a capital L in the middle on the left sleeve.
14. Photo of player wearing the diamond logo waiting to bat.