

**GUIDE TO THE PAPERS OF HARRY DALTON, 1960 - 1993**

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**Title:**

Harry Dalton Papers

**Inclusive Dates:**

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**Abstract:**

This collection contains the papers of Harry Dalton between the years of 1960 and 1993. These papers deal with Dalton's interest as General Manager and Vice President of the Baltimore Orioles, California Angels and Milwaukee Brewers. This collection includes spring training programs, scouting reports, minor league prospects and organizational meetings.

**Acquisition Information:**

This collection was a gift of Mrs. Pat Dalton in 2006.

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## **History**

Harry Dalton was born August 23, 1928, a native of West Springfield, MA. He graduated from Amherst College in 1950 then served as a First Lieutenant in the Korean War. Upon his return in 1953, Dalton joined the Orioles organization. His first baseball job paid \$45.00 per week but by 1961, he had taken charge of the minor league operations.

He was Farm Director with the Orioles from 1961 through 1965 and became Vice President from 1966 to 1971. From 1972 through 1977, he was general manager and Vice President of the California Angels before moving on the Brewers organization in 1978. He remained as GM with Milwaukee until 1991 and continued in a non-baseball capacity until 1994.

During his 41 years in Major League Baseball, he was instrumental in making big trades and building farm teams. Under Dalton's direction, the Brewers received the "*Baseball America*" Organization of the Year Award" for 1985 - 1987. Dalton was twice named "*Executive of the Year*" by The Sporting News, 1970 and 1982.

In 1960, he was married to his wife Pat and had three daughters. He retired in 1994 and moved to Arizona, where he died in 2005 from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Source: National Baseball Hall of Fame clippings file: *Dalton, Harry*.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection contains the papers of Harry Dalton between 1960 and 1993. The information is from Dalton's time with the Baltimore Orioles, California Angels and Milwaukee Brewers. Papers include Spring Training programs and rosters, Fundamentals and Playbooks, budget information, scouting reports, Minor League player prospects and trade proposals. There are organizational meeting and Player Relations Committee meeting notes. Includes correspondence to and from Dalton on his winning seasons and his moves to California and Milwaukee and fan mail.

This collection is organized in three series, with each series arranged by subject matter and chronologically. Series I relates to the Baltimore Orioles, Series II with the California Angels and Series III with the Milwaukee Brewers.

## **Controlled Access Terms**

These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

### Team Names

- Baltimore Orioles
- California Angels
- Milwaukee Brewers

Personal Names

Dalton, Harry  
Selig, Allan

Subject Headings

Scouts  
Scouting Reports  
Spring Training  
Player Evaluation  
Player Relation Committee

## Content List

### Series I Baltimore Orioles

Items of interest:

**Box 1:** Folder 1 is a ledger with major and minor league prospects, offers authorized, spring training rosters. Folder 2 has 1969 spring training observations from Dalton to Earl Weaver. Folder 5 contains prospects from other organizations. Folder 6 was a file Dalton kept on Weaver from his minor league career to his induction in 1996.

**Box 2:** Folder 1 contains correspondence, with the bulk being “Congratulatory” notes for great seasons. Folder 3 has “New plan for signing and development of ball players for the major leagues”, revised scout manual and Vern Hoschet report on various players.

#### Box 1

Folder 1	Team Rosters and Prospects, 1961 – 1970
Folder 2	Spring Training Goals and Programs, 1968 – 1970
Folder 3	Newsletters, 1964 – 1965
Folder 4	Scouting Reports, 1966 – 1971
Folder 5	Professional Prospects, 1968 – 1969
Folder 6	Earl Weaver
Folder 7	Financial Statements, 1960 – 1971

#### Box 2

Folder 1	Correspondence, 1954, 1966, 1969-71, 2006
Folder 2	1966 World Series Scouting Reports
Folder 3	Scout, Manager and Instructional Manuals
Folder 4	“Lecture and Discussion” paper – Fragile
Folder 5	Development and Instructional Manuals

#### Box 2a

News from the Baltimore Orioles  
Season Reviews 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967

#### Box 3

Folder 1	Fall Meetings, 1957, 1962 – 1966
Folder 2	Fall Meetings, 1967 – 1968
Folder 3	Fall Meeting, 1969
Folder 4	Fall Meeting, 1970
Folder 5	Fall Meetings, 1971 – 1972

## **Series II California Angels**

Items of interest:

**Box 4:** Folder 4 contains Tony Siegel’s 12-page report player evaluations. Folder 5 has a guide to evaluating players based on speed, batting, pitching, etc.

**Box 5:** Folder 3 has general correspondence including contract negotiations with Winston Llenas and Tom Morgan. Correspondence from Walter Shannon on their National Amateur Program and notes from a meeting with Gene Autry. Folder 4-5 contains correspondence congratulating Dalton on his move to the Angels,

### **Box 4**

Folder 1	Scouting Reports and Statistics, 1971 – 1974
Folder 2	Scouting Reports and Statistics, 1975 – 1976
Folder 3	Scouting Reports and Statistics, 1977
Folder 4	Tony Siegel’s Player Evaluations, 1978
Folder 5	Evaluation and Instructional Guides

### **Box 5**

Folder 1	Fall Meetings, 1972, 1973, 1975
Folder 2	Budgets and Salaries
Folder 3	Correspondence, 1972 – 1977
Folder 4	Correspondence, Move to California, 1971
Folder 5	Correspondence, Move to California, 1971

## **Series III Milwaukee Brewers**

Items of interest:

**Box 7:** Folder 2 has meeting notes to settle contract terms and agreements with listed players/managers. Folder 3 contains documents such as an invoice paid for scouting services, Associate Scout Agreement, scouting staff update and a document titled “Computerizing the Brewers Scouting Department”. Folder 7 has Dalton’s deposition, financial records requested, list of question and answers for Dalton and copies of exhibits for Dalton’s testimony.

**Box 8:** Folder 3 has fan reactions to the Thomas trade. Folder 4 has “Congratulatory” notes on the 1983 season as well as reactions to the firing of Harvey Kuenn.

**Box 6**

- Folder 1 Player Evaluations and Statistics, 1977 – 1980
- Folder 2 Player Evaluations and Statistics, 1981
- Folder 3 Player Evaluations and Statistics, 1982 – 1984
- Folder 4 Player Evaluations and Statistics, 1985 – 1987
- Folder 5 Player Evaluations and Statistics, 1988 – 1990

**Box 7**

- Folder 1 Player Evaluations and Statistics, 1991 – 1992
- Folder 2 Contract Terms and Agreements, 1972 – 1988
  - Azcue, Joe – 1972
  - Bamberger, George – 1980 - manager
  - Barber, Steve – 1972
  - Grich, Bobby – 1976
  - Hartzell, Paul – 1977
  - Higuera, Ted – 1988
  - Rivers, Mickey – 1975
  - Robinson, Frank – 1973
  - Rodgers, Buck – 1980 - manager
  - Ryan, Nolan – 1974 – notes from telephone conversation
- Folder 3 Scout and Scouting, Various Documents
- Folder 4 Spring Training and Rosters, 1977 – 1990
- Folder 5 Budget and Financial Information, 1978 – 1992
- Folder 6 Correspondence re: Player Relations Committee, 1981
- Folder 7 Selig v. USA, 1982

**Box 8**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1978 – 1992
- Folder 2 Correspondence, Congrats on 1982 Season
- Folder 3 Fan Mail, Gorman Thomas Trade
- Folder 4 Correspondence, Congrats on 1983 Season; Harvey Kuenn
- Folder 5 Fan Mail, Gorman Thomas and Charlie Moore, 1986
- Folder 6 Correspondence, Dalton Leaving Brewers, 1991
- Folder 7 General Managers' Meetings, 1965 – 1994
- Folder 8 Dalton to Selig, Spring Training Sites, 1986 – 1993
- Folder 9 Fall Meetings, 1978 – 1982, 1988

**Box 9**

- Folder 1 Player Relations Committee Meeting Notes, 1980
- Folder 2 Player Relations Committee Meeting Notes, 1980 – 1981
- Folder 3 Player Relations Committee Meeting Notes, 1981
- Folder 4 Player Relations Committee Meeting Notes, 1981
- Folder 5 Letter from Leland MacPhail to PRC, 1985
- Minutes from Joint Meeting, August 1985
- Basic Agreement, 1990 – 1993

Folder 6      Strength and Conditioning Program, Manager's Responsibilities

**Box 10**

Folder 1      Playbooks and Manuals

Folder 2      American League Annual Report, 1988

Folder 3      Brewers Media Guide, 1982