

**GUIDE TO THE PAPERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE
Meetings, Minutes, Conferences and Financial Ledgers**

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1876, 1899 - 1995

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Abstract:

This is a collection of National League minutes from 1876, 1899 to 1966 and financial ledgers from 1902 to 1995. This collection also includes 20 recorded disks.

Acquisition Information:

This collection was donated by the Office of the Commissioner in 2004. A second donation to this collection was made in 2009. A donation by Peter O'Malley was made in 2010 and added to this collection.

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History:

The National League was founded on February 2, 1876 under the leadership of businessman William A. Hulbert of Chicago. The original charter members were Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Hartford, Louisville, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis. The original league represented four western and four eastern cities and was set up with clear rules and policies, standard player contracts, a code of conduct and a prohibition on the sale of intoxicants in parks under the league's jurisdiction.

Source: The New Dickson Dictionary

Scope and Content

This is a collection of National League minutes from 1876, 1899 to 1966. These include annual meetings, board of director meetings, mid-summer meetings and schedule meetings. Also included are minutes from special meetings such as board of arbitrations and special board of directors meetings. Included with most of the minutes are table of contents. There is a 65-year release restriction on meeting minutes as per the commissioner's office.

Financial ledgers, cash books and assessment ledgers are also part of this collection. There is a 50-year release restriction on financial information as per the commissioner's office.

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May 4, 1951. Chicago Cubs vs. Boston Braves Yankee Network (6 discs)
May 4, 1951. Chicago Cubs vs. Boston Braves On WIND radio station (5 discs)

May 3, 1951. Philadelphia Phillies vs. St. Louis Cardinals WPEN radio (4 discs)
May 4, 1951. Philadelphia Phillies vs. St. Louis Cardinals Unknown station
(2 discs -- partial?)

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Corporate Names

National League
American League
American Association
Office of the Commissioner

Personal Names

Pulliam, Harry 1865 - 1909
Lynch, Thomas 1859 - 1924
Tener, John 1863 - 1946
Heydler, John 1869 - 1956
Frick, Ford 1894 - 1978
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