GUIDE TO THE PETER CRAIG COLLECTION

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Abstract: 
This is a collection of compiled statistics for major and minor leagues between 1869 and 1950.

Acquisition Information: 
This collection of ledgers and papers were donated by Peter Craig.

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History: 
Peter Craig from Oberlin, Ohio, was an attorney in Washington, D.C. In the mid-1940’s, Craig spent a summer at the Sporting News, going through papers and collecting information. Craig was also part of Senators Kefauver and Celler committee proposing the Anti-Trust Law in organized sports. Craig was the prime source of the financial and attendance data of all major league clubs contained in the Kefauver Reports in 1950s.
The handwritten ledgers were compiled by E.C. Jacobs, an avid baseball fan, and acquired by Peter Craig; how Craig acquired these or knew Jacobs is unknown.

Source: Cliff Kachline, former historian, National Baseball Hall of Fame

Scope and Content
A collection of statistics relating to major and minor league teams and players with some correspondence. These statistics include batting, pitching, shutouts, attendance and some financial data. The first four boxes contain 53 ledgers with handwritten notes and statistics, some have legends and indexes. The remaining five boxes have statistics broken down by league, player or position.

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.

Corporate Names
American League
National League
National Association
American Association
International League
Pacific Coast League
Federal League
Union Association
Players League

Personal Names
Jacobs, E.C.
Craig, Peter
Allen, Lee

Subject Headings
Economics
Financial
Ledgers
Statistics
Statistician
Attendance

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1904, 1907, 1908 rosters, major & minor leagues
1909 – 1910 rosters, major & minor leagues
1910 rosters, minor leagues

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- index, legend

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