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Guide to the Frank Keetz Professional Baseball Collection, 1895-1985 (2009.45)

Creator: Keetz, Frank

Accession Number: 2009.45

Extent: 1 cubic foot

Source: Donated by Frank Keetz, 21 May 2009

Inclusive Dates: 1895-1985

Bulk Dates: 1913-1942; 1979-1981

Access: Access to this collection is unrestricted.

Abstract: The collection comprises photographs, ephemera, notes, articles, and original writing compiled and created by Frank Keetz about professional baseball in Schenectady.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection comprises photographs, ephemera, notes, articles, and original writing compiled and created by Frank Keetz about professional baseball in Schenectady. The collection puts special emphasis on the Schenectady Blue Jays and the Mohawk Giants. The collection includes research materials and photographs used for Keetz's publications about local baseball.

Biographical Note:

Frank Keetz is a noted local baseball historian. He was raised in Pennsylvania, attended Haverford College, and earned his M.A. at Columbia University. He moved to Schenectady in 1963 and was a high school social studies teacher in the area for nearly 40 years. He is the author of several books, pamphlets, and articles about local sports, including *They, Too, Were "Boys of Summer": A Case Study of the Schenectady Blue Jays in the Eastern League, 1951-1957*; *Class "C" Baseball: A Case Study of the Schenectady Blue Jays in the Canadian-American League, 1946-1950*; *The Mohawk Colored Giants of Schenectady*; *Doff Your Caps to the Champions: A Case Study of a Minor League Baseball Franchise in 1903*; *1899: Schenectady's First Complete Season*; and *"We Really Liked to Play Basketball": The Rochester Royals in Schenectady, New York*. Keetz is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and the Schenectady Old Timers Baseball Club.

Related/Separated Materials: The collection also includes an autographed baseball from the 1947 Schenectady Blue Jays team, which has been transferred to the museum.

Finding Aid Created By/Date: Robert J. Jones, 8 May 2012.

Item/Box/Folder Listing:

Box	Folder	Folder Title
1	1	Schenectady Baseball All-League Information/ Early Photos of Notable Players / "Schenectady City Boys who Got to the Majors" Article by Frank Keetz
1	2	Canadian-American League Orange Books (5) 1946-1950
1	3	Eastern Baseball League Pilots (7) 1950-1956
1	4	Schenectady Baseball League Stationery
1	5	Assorted Programs, Yearbooks, Tokens (1947-1957)
1	6	Schenectady Baseball Players – Baseball Cards (1947-1957)
1	7a	NY State League (1895-1904): Articles, blue spiral notebook; handwritten notes, letters and photos
1	7b	Schenectady Blue Jays – Canadian-American League (1946-1950): Handwritten notes, articles, newspaper clippings and photos
1	8	Schenectady Baseball (1979-1981) – Newspaper clippings, articles
1	9	Program: "Old Timers" Nostalgia Game (July 13, 1985)
1	10	Schenectady Blue Jays – Eastern League (1951-1957, misc. dates): Handwritten notes, photos, schedules
1	11	Schenectady Blue Jays – (1950's): Newspaper clippings, photos
1	12	Schenectady Blue Jays – Miscellaneous photos (1950's)
1	13	Photos: Original Mohawk Giants (1903-1942)
1	14	Mohawk Giants (1913-1914; 1930-1939; misc. dates) Handwritten notes, newspaper articles, copies of tickets and advertisements
1	15	Three letters written between Newark Eagles' owner Abe Manly and Hank concerning Johnny Davis (Summer 1940)/ Other letters pertaining to Davis / Copy of a letter between Bozzi and team in Kingston
1	16	Advertisements for the Mohawk Giants book (Misc. dates): Photos, handwritten notes, copied newspaper articles
1	17	Research clippings – Notes and articles
1	18	Professional Baseball in Schenectady and Negro Leagues
1	19	Broadside (copy): "Black Sox" n.d. / Mohawk Giants program from 1937 / Advertisement: Baseball Bidwell Park, Mellenville, 1931