

Iowa's Major Leaguers

They came to call Iowa home



These players came to live in Iowa; some during their playing career and some after. Some had played minor league ball in the state and returned, others married Iowa girls, and others came because of a job. Regardless of how they came, each called Iowa home.



Tom Loftus

Born in St. Louis, MO

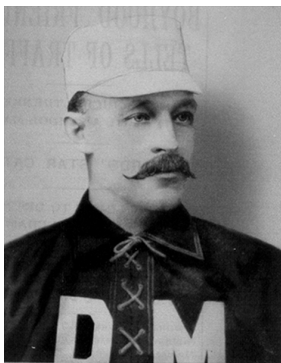
Lived in Dubuque as President of the Three I League

St. Louis Browns 1877, 83

Nine Years as a manager

Position: Outfielder

2 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	9	33	3	6	0	0	0	0	2	.182



Bill Traffley

Born in Staten Island, NY

Became the manager of the Des Moines team following playing days

Chicago White Stockings 1878

Cincinnati Red Stockings 1883

Baltimore Orioles 1884-86

Positions: Outfielder and Catcher

5 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	179	663	85	116	13	23	1	36	34	.175



Bob Black

Born in Cincinnati, OH

Moved to Sioux City managed teams in LeMars and Sioux City

Kansas City Cowboys 1884

Positions: Outfielder, Pitcher, and Second Baseman

1 Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	38	146	25	36	14	2	1		10	.247

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Total	16	123	4	9	3.22	0	93



Charlie Sprague

Born in Cleveland, OH

Lived in Des Moines following his playing days

Chicago White Stockings 1877

Cleveland Spiders 1889

Toledo Maumees 1890

Positions: Outfielder and Pitcher

3 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	60	219	27	50	5	6	1	20	17	.228

3 Years	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Total	24	161.2	10	7	4.51	0	76



Belden Hill

Born in Kewanee, IL

Owned and managed teams in Cedar Rapids

Baltimore Orioles 1890

Position: Third Baseman

1 Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	9	36	3	5	2	0	0	2	3	.167



Charlie Dexter

Born in Evansville, IN

Player-Manager for the Des Moines ball club

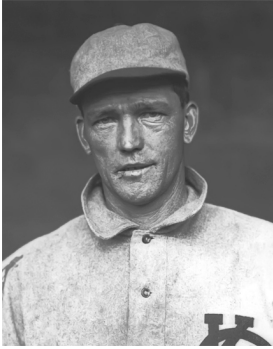
Louisville Colonels 1896-99

Chicago Orphans 1900-02

Boston Beaneaters 1902-03

Positions: Outfielder, Catcher and Third Baseman

8 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	774	2876	430	751	95	24	16	347	198	.261



George Stovall

Born in Independence, MO

Lived in Burlington

Cleveland Naps 1904-11
St. Louis Browns 1912-13
Kansas City Packers 1914-15

Positions: First Baseman and Second Baseman

12 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	1414	5222	547	1382	231	56	15	564	174	.265



Jimmy Archer

Born in Dublin, Ireland raised in Toronto, Canada

Married a gal from Boone, called it home

Pittsburgh Pirates 1904, 18
Detroit Tigers 1907
Chicago Cubs 1909-17
Brooklyn Robins 1918

Positions: Catcher and First Baseman

12 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	847	2646	247	660	106	34	16	296	124	.249



Ed Hahn

Born in Nevada, OH

Played minor league ball in Des Moines, moved there after playing

New York Highlanders 1905-06
Chicago White Sox 1906-10

Position: Rightfielder

6 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	553	2045	291	484	42	20	1	122	258	.237



Pat Donahue

Born in Springfield, OH

Moved to Des Moines, umpired semi-pro baseball

Boston Red Sox 1908-10
Philadelphia Athletics 1910
Cleveland Naps 1910

Position: Catcher

3 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	119	308	24	65	6	1	3	35	29	.211



Joe Hovlik

Born in Czechoslovakia, raised in Cleveland, OH

Retired to Oxford Junction

Washington Senators 1909-10
Chicago White Sox 1911

Position: Pitcher

3 Years	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Total	16	54.2	2	0	3.62	0	25



Harry Patton

Born in Gillespie, IL

Lived in Davenport

St. Louis Cardinals 1910

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Total	1	4	0	0	2.25	0	2



George Zackert

Born in Horton, VT

Operated a grocery store in Burlington after playing days

St. Louis Cardinals 1911-12

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Total	5	8.1	0	2	11.88	0	6



Roy Radebaugh

Born in Champaign, IL

Wife from Cedar Rapids, worked many years in the court house

St. Louis Cardinals 1911

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Total	2	10	0	0	2.70	0	1



Hick Cady

Born in Bishop Hill. IL

Lived in Cedar Rapids at the time of his death

Boston Red Sox 1912-17
Philadelphia A's 1919

Position: Catcher

7 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	355	901	83	216	47	11	1	74	66	.240



Joe Weiss

Born in Chicago, IL

Lived in Cedar Rapids

Chicago Whales 1915

Position: First Baseman

1 Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	29	85	6	19	1	2	0	11	3	.224



Grover Gilmore

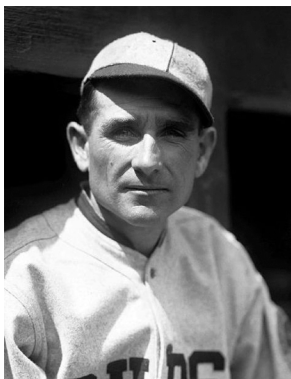
Born in Chicago

Married a Sioux City girl, lived there during offseason until his death

Kansas City Packers 2014-15

Position: Rightfielder

2 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	258	530	144	269	47	20	2	32	63	.286



Ike McAuley

Born in Wichita, KS

Lived in Des Moines

Pittsburgh Pirates 1914-17

St. Louis Cardinals 1917

Chicago Cubs 1925

Positions: Shortstop and Third Baseman

5 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	64	125	10	35	7	2	0	13	11	.246



Joe Jager

Born in St. Cloud, MN

Retired in Hampton

Chicago Cubs 1920

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	2	3	0	0	12.00	0	0



Paul Speraw

Born in Annville, PA

Manage teams in Cedar Rapids, made it his home

St. Louis Browns 1920

Position: Third Baseman

1 Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000



Lew Fonseca

Born in Oakland, CA

Lived in Ely

Cincinnati Reds 1921-24

Philadelphia Phillies 1925

Cleveland Indians 1930-31

Chicago White Sox 1931-33

Positions: First Baseman, Second Baseman and Leftfielder

12 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	937	3404	518	1075	203	50	31	485	186	.316



Bud Clancy

Born in Odell, IL

Worked for John Deere in Ottumwa

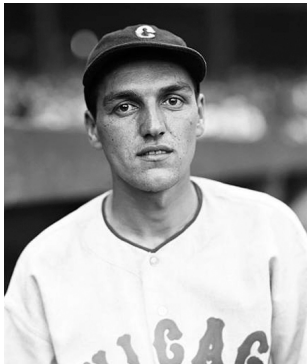
Chicago White Sox 1924-30

Brooklyn Dodgers 1932

Philadelphia Phillies 1934

Position: First Baseman

9 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	522	1796	204	504	69	26	12	198	111	.281



Charlie Uhlir

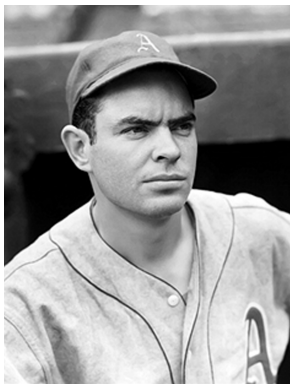
Born in Chicago, IL

Retired in Spirit Lake

Chicago White Sox 1934

Positions: Pinch Hitter and Leftfielder

1 Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	14	27	3	4	0	0	0	3	2	.148



Carl Miles

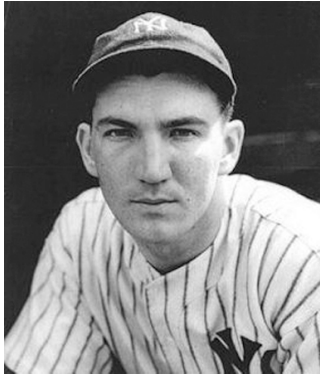
Cameron MO HS - University of Missouri

Administrator, Coach in Centerville, Mt. Vernon, Knoxville

Philadelphia A's 1940

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	2	8	0	0	13.50	0	6



Mike Chartak

Born in Brooklyn, NY - HS in Carbondale, PA

Married a Cedar Rapids girl, lived there following baseball retirement

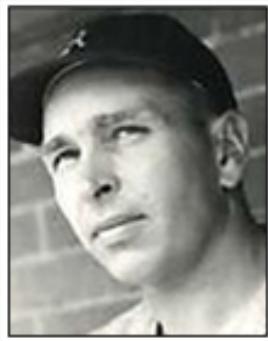
New York Yankees 1940, 42

Washington Senators 1942

St. Louis Browns 1942-44

Positions: Rightfielder and First Baseman

4 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Total	256	765	96	186	34	7	21	98	104	.243



Orie Arntzen

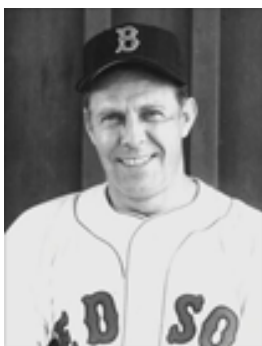
Born in Beverly, IL

Settled in Cedar Rapids following his baseball career.

Philadelphia Athletics 1943

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	32	164.1	4	13	4.22	0	66



Tom Hurd

Born in Danville, VA

Married an Iowan and settled in Waterloo

Boston Red Sox 1954-56

Position: Pitcher

2 Years	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	3	11.2	1	1	5.40	0	2



Bill Fischer

Marathon, WI High School

Lived in Council Bluffs after playing days

Chicago White Sox 1956-58
Detroit Tigers 1958, 60-61
Washington Senators 1960

Kansas City Athletics 1961-63
Minnesota Twins 1964

Position: Pitcher

9 Years	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	281	831.1	45	58	4.34	13	313



RC Stevens

Moultrie, GA High School

Lived in Davenport following baseball retirement

Pittsburgh Pirates 1958-60
Washington Senators 1961

Position: First Baseman

3 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	104	162	21	34	4	1	8	21	12	.210



Dick Bates

McArthur, OH High School

Lived and raised family in Woodbine

Seattle Pilots 1969

Position: Pitcher

1 Year	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	1	1.3	0	0	27.00	0	3



Doug Baker

Granada Hills, CA High School

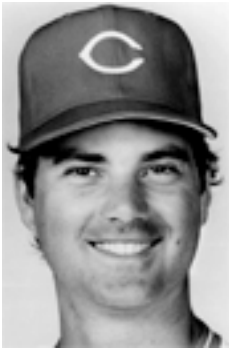
Family orgianlly from Lacona, lived there for a few years after playing

Detroit Tigers 1984-87

Minnesota Twins 1988-90

Positions: Shortstop and Second Baseman

7 Years	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BA
Totals	136	246	38	51	11	2	0	22	18	.207



Bob Buchanan

Riverview HS - Sarasota, FL

Lived in Ely

Cincinnati Reds 1985

Kansas City Royals 1989

Position: Pitcher

2 Years	G	IP	W	L	ERA	SV	SO
Totals	16	19.1	1	0	9.78	0	6