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Guide to the Bill Hoak Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Bill Hoak Collection
Date:	1909-1972
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0236
Creator:	Hoak, Bill National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Community Life
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents major-league baseball players, circa 1909-1912, through photographs and newspapers.
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated to the Archives Center on July 21, 1986 by Bill Hoak of Fresno, California "in memory of Daniel Ray Hoak."

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Community Life (now Division of Work and Industry), September 1986.

Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, 1986.

Preferred Citation

Bill Hoak Collection, 1909-1972, Archives Center, National Museum of American History. Gift of Bill Hoak in memory of Daniel Ray Hoak.

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Scope and Contents

Numerous posed "action" photographs of American and National League baseball players, several group team photographs and portraits of several major league executives are included. The photographs are reprints of supplements to "The Sporting News" publications, 1909-1912.

Newspapers from 1909 report the controversy over the "discovery" in the previous year of the North Pole by Frederick A. Cook, an American explorer. Cook's claim was declared a hoax by Commander Robert A. Peary of the U.S. Navy, who reached the pole himself in 1909.

Several copies of the *Amaroc News* published by the American Army of Occupation in Germany shortly after World War I are also part of the collection.

Newspapers from 1961 report Roger Maris hitting his 60th home run in that year and 1972 papers report Stanford's victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Baseball -- 1900-1920
- Baseball players -- Photographs -- 1900-1920
- North Pole exploration

Types of Materials:

- Newspapers
- Photographs -- 20th century