

Walter Miller

Cleveland and Chicago, 1913

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## Walter Miller

BIRTH 1887 • Massilon, Ohio

DEATH 19 MAY 1941 • Birmingham, Jefferson, Alabama, USA

### Walter Miller

Position: Pitcher

Bats: Unknown • Throws: Unknown

Full Name: Walter Miller

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#### Teams Played For

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Glossary

Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
1909	--	<a href="#">Portsmouth Cobblers</a>	<a href="#">Ohio State League</a>	D				
1909	--	<a href="#">Lima Cigarmakers</a>	<a href="#">Ohio State League</a>	D				
1910	--	<a href="#">Portsmouth Cobblers</a>	<a href="#">Ohio State League</a>	D				
1911	--	<a href="#">Sioux City Packers</a>	<a href="#">Western League</a>	A				
1912	--	<a href="#">Sioux City Packers</a>	<a href="#">Western League</a>	A				
1913	--	<a href="#">Topeka Jayhawks</a>	<a href="#">Western League</a>	A				
1913	--	<a href="#">Cleveland Green Sox</a>	<a href="#">Federal League</a>	Ind			1913-05-12	1913-06-08
1913	--	<a href="#">Chicago Keeleys</a>	<a href="#">Federal League</a>	Ind			1913-07-10	1913-07-22
1915	--	<a href="#">Evansville River Rats</a>	<a href="#">Central League</a>	B				

Chadwick ID: 6f4eacbc

Name	Position	Bats	Throws
Miller, Walter	P	R	R
Born-Place	Date	Married	
Address	Height	Weight	

#### Teams Played With

1908-Ohio State League Portsmouth, Ohio 1909-10- Drft. by Brooklyn Rel. 9/10- Sioux City 1910- Sioux City 1911- Susp. 8/11-Sioix City 3/12- Rel. to Zanesville 5/12- Topeka 7/13- Rel. 3/14- Res. by Topeka for 1914-

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### CLEVELAND DOWNS 'FEDS.' 3-2; SCORES THREE RUNS IN NINTH.

Keeley's Team Nosed Out by Green Sox  
When Miller Becomes Wild in the  
Final Inning.

By a great ninth inning rally "Cy" Young's Cleveland Federal leaguers defeated the Chicago "Feds" at De Paul field yesterday, 3 to 2. Keeley's men scored two runs in the first two frames and the lead seemed sufficient to insure victory, as the visitors were blanked until the last inning. The Green Sox braced and scored three runs in the ninth.

Miller, who until two weeks ago was a member of the Cleveland team, was chosen to face his former teammates. He pitched a clever game until the final inning, allowing only three hits all told. Timmerman went to the slab in the ninth after one run had been scored with the bases still loaded. He fanned the first man up, but Lake's lucky single to center drove in two tallies. Bartley was found for nine clean wallops, but the locals were unable to bunch hits.

The Browns made one run in the first and another in the second. Potts' single started Miller's downfall in the ninth. Miller then hit Gilroy, and after fanning Patten he also beamed Lattimore, then passed Rooney, forcing Potts home. Score:

Walter Miller started with Cleveland, then joined Chicago.

## SPITBALL ARTIST

WALTER MILLER TAKES SERVICE AS NIGHT CLERK AT HOTEL MANHATTAN.

Walter Miller, the well known spitball artist of the Lima Ohio State League baseball team, has accepted the position of night clerk at the new hotel Manhattan and entered upon his duties last night, expecting to remain there until the spring orders of the captain and manager of the local league team calls him to the baseball diamond at the opening of the training season.

Walter Miller, the college spit-ball artist, who was sold to Marion, will not join the Diggers. Miller has returned his contract unsigned claiming the salary is not sufficient. He is now night clerk in a hotel here and will return to Ohio Northern University at Ada to complete a course in electrical engineering.

Gossip has been rife in the Ohio State league during the past week, and a general switch has occurred among the clubs in the selection of players. To date Marion has the star army, and Manager O'Day will have enough seasoned and try-out volunteers to supply the whole league. The latest deal gives Marion two of Lima's stars in Catcher Emmett Reilly and Spit-ball Walter Miller, the Ada student twirler. For this pair Columbus receives a cash

## AT FALL RIVER

PITCHER WALTER MILLER MAY PLAY BALL THIS SEASON.

Pitcher Walter Miller, who was sold by the Columbus-Lima management to the Marion club a few weeks ago and who has refused to accept the terms of the contract offered him by the Marion management, may play baseball with the Fall River, Mass., team in the New England, class B league, this season.

denies ever having married the pair.

## WALTER MILLER

HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT AND  
REJOINS LIMA TEAM.

Walter Miller, the spitball pitcher who was recently turned back by the Fall River, Mass., club, signed a contract with the management of the Lima team at noon Thursday, and will rejoin the staff of Lima pitchers at once.

Walter "Ada" Miller, the spit-ball artist once owned by the Diggers and who landed back in Lima through a succession of deals, is now a member of the Portsmouth pitching staff, having been released by Manager Fohl.

### Figures Too High.

Pitcher Walter Miller, the spit-ball artist who finished last season with Portsmouth, has informed the Portsmouth directors that he will not sign at the figures offered him. The directors believe they have offered Miller all he is worth and that he will either sign at the figures or his release will be for sale. Miller once belonged to the local club, but was sold because he wanted a big league salary.

# Decides To Report

Walter Miller, spit ball artist who was on the local's pitching staff last season and who was one of the first regular to join the Hold-Out club, wrote to President Gableman Friday, that he had considered all things and had finally come to the conclusion that Portsmouth had treated him fairly and was ready to report. Miller says he is in tip top shape. He resides in Massilon, O. A ticket was sent to his address and he will report Saturday or Sunday.



## NEW PACKERS FOR 1911.

### Two Men Drafted by Brooklyn and Released to Sioux City.

Notwithstanding that the 1910 baseball season is not finished and that Sioux City will have a large number of good men reserved for next season, the management of the local club has begun to reach out for new material for 1911, as indicated by the following dispatch received by The Journal last night:

New York, Sept. 21.—The following releases were announced today by President Lynch, of the National league: By Brooklyn to Sioux City, H. Breen and Walter Miller.

Both men played with the Portsmouth, O., team, in the O.-P. league this season, and were drafted by Brooklyn. Breen is an outfielder and Miller is a pitcher.

Every fan in Sioux City knows "Mully" Miller and Wilson, but this young man, Walter Miller, is a stranger. His home is at Massillon, O., but he never knew "Mully," who also winters at that town, until last fall. There is a difference of several years in their ages.

Walter Miller has been playing professional ball for four years. Most of that time he has been in the Ohio State league. Last year he pitched for the Portsmouth club, and had a good year. Miller is of the opinion that luck will have a lot to do with winning ball games at Mizou park.

"I will have a little advantage over the other fellows," Miller said, after his visit to the park. "A spitball usually is hit on the ground, and that means there will be little hitting them over the fence." Miller is said to be real handy with the spitter.

### Walter Miller, formerly of Sioux City, Will Join Kaws Tomorrow.

Manager Gear of the Kaws stated last night that he had signed pitcher Walter Miller. Miller, formerly a Sioux City twirler, hails from the Federal league and will leave Chicago for Topeka this evening. Miller seems to have various troubles in his career in the game and has drifted from place to place. Manager Gear thinks his troubles may have been from misunderstanding and expects to find in Miller the kind of pitcher that is needed to bolster up the hopes of the fighting Kaws.

## WALTER MILLER TO PITCH FOR TOPEKA CLUB

Walter Miller, base ball pitcher, well known to Lima fans, will again be with the Topeka, Kansas, Club of the Western Association this season. Miller, who pitched for the local club in the Ohio State League, was with the Indianapolis Federals for a part of last season, and later with Topeka, where his work was very high class.

Miller's start in professional ball grew out of his fine work as slabsman for the Ohio Northern University team at Ada several years ago, he being picked up at the college by the Lima club. He is now in Lima mingling with his many friends among the fans.

Pitcher Walter Miller, hero of a no-hit game against St. Joe one day last summer, has been released unconditionally by Manager Gear without reporting. Miller is a good pitcher when he wants to be, but he is not the kind of a player Gear wants on his team.

The attractive bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Worrell of W. North street, and is employed at the Hawisher-English department store. She is a very popular young girl, and possesses a charming personality. Walter Miller was a familiar figure here a few years ago, when he acted as pitcher for the Lima team of the Ohio State baseball league. This year he is with the Grand Rapids team of the Central league, but still claims Ada as his home.

No date was given for the mar-

Form 1 1458 REGISTRATION CARD No. 377

1 Name in full Walter Miller Age, in yrs. 29  
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address 662 Newell Kenosha Wis  
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth December 29<sup>th</sup> 1887  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural born

5 Where were you born? Massillon Ohio U.S.A.  
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Citizen

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Paul Revere Cigar Store Proprietor  
Shiny Cigars and Hot Cleaners

8 Are you employed? Self  
Where employed? Kenosha

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank \_\_\_\_\_; branch \_\_\_\_\_;  
years \_\_\_\_\_; Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? yes. (dependent) business

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Walter Miller  
(Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent, record this

**A SPITBALL ARTIST.**



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Miller was the first of the Packer recruits to report. He was drafted from the Ohio State by a National league club and then turned over to Sioux City. Miller has played the professional game four years and is 23 years old.

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News of his passing comes as a shock to a legion of friends. While the deceased had been suffering with a heart ailment for several months, his condition was reported as greatly improved since going to Birmingham in December.

## Managed Nash Ball Team

Walter Miller, born in Massillon, Ohio, came to Kenosha in March, 1916, from the Fairbanks-Morse company in Beloit, and was employed until January, 1917, in the superintendent's office at Nash Motors company.

Later, he became interested in the promotion of baseball, having served as a pitcher in the Western and Federal leagues. He was installed as manager of the Nash team in the Midwest league, which featured colorful games and intense rivalry with the Simmons club, first of the two Kenosha contenders to join the league.

## Served On County Board

After retiring from the baseball sport, Miller entered business, and had an interesting career in politics. He served two terms on the Kenosha county board from 1929 to 1933. He was also a candidate for the state assembly and sheriff on the Progressive ticket.

Miller later served in an executive capacity for the Wisconsin Tavernkeepers association, and was an active figure with the group until a break in health forced him to retire. He then relinquished his business holdings here and, with his wife, visited his five brothers and two sisters in his native Ohio and at Birmingham, while seeking to regain his health.

His only son, Rob Roy Miller, 18, was killed in an automobile accident Nov. 2, 1937, on South Sheridan road.