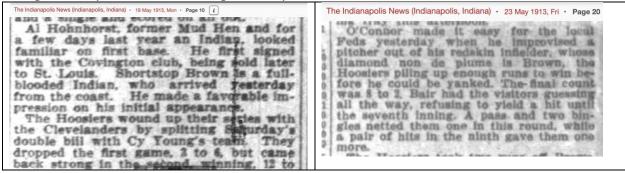
Luther "Casey" Smith (aka Brown)

First game May 18, 1913 and last game May 22, 1913



Shortstop Brown, "full-blooded Indian" and "non de plume is Brown", suggests not Jimmy Brown.

Two possible options:



Who was Brown?

On May 18, 1913, the St. Louis Terriers started a shortstop identified as "Brown" in the box scores and articles in their game in Indianapolis. The *Indianapolis News* wrote the next day "Shortstop Brown is a full-blooded Indian, who arrived yesterday from the coast. He made a favorable impression on his initial appearance." (May 19, 1913: 10.) A few days later, Manager O'Connor used Brown as a pitcher: "O'Connor made it easy for the local Feds yesterday when he improvised a pitcher out of his redskin infielder, whose diamond non de plume is Brown." (Indianapolis News, May 23, 1913: 20.) This was his third and final game with the club.

Baseball-Reference identifies Brown as James Brown, an outfielder who also played with Indianapolis in 1913, his last game being May 13, 1913. The Indianapolis papers were clear that Jimmy Brown previously played with Pittsburgh in the United States League (an outlaw league that was a precursor to the Federal League) in 1912. One of the papers describes him as from Hazelwood, near Pittsburgh. Jimmy joined Youngstown briefly after the USL collapsed. Terriers'

manager Jack O'Connor managed Cleveland in the USL in 1912, so he would have known who Jimmy Brown was. However, for a variety of reasons, I do not think the Brown who played for St. Louis was Jimmy Brown.

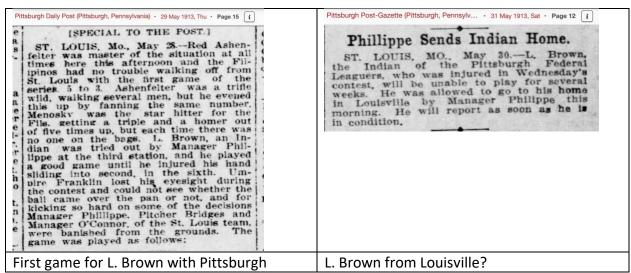
Just about a week after Brown's last game with St. Louis, the Pittsburgh Federal League club tried out L. Brown, "an Indian" at third base in a double header in St. Louis (*Pittsburgh Daily Post*, May 29, 1913: 15). He was injured in the second game, as a few days later the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported that he had been sent home to Louisville to rest (May 31, 1913: 12). He returned to Pittsburgh for a few games in June. L. Brown was the alias for Luther (Casey) Smith (https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/luther-smith/).

Luther Smith was a Native American from California who received a brief tryout with the Cubs in the spring of 1912, where Frank Chance gave him the nickname "Casey". The Cubs sent him to Louisville, and Louisville sent him to Columbia (SC), where he played shortstop, third base, and pitched. In 1913, the Columbia club was transferred to Charleston. Three of the players reserved by Columbia/Charleston for 1913 were James Barton, Leo Witter (Witterstaetter) and Jack Ridgway. Jimmy Barton was an infielder for the Terriers, first at second base, and then at short after Charlie Stis got hurt. Leo Witter and Jack Ridgway both jumped from Charelston to the Federal League in May where they played for the St. Louis Terriers under the names Leo Jones and Jack Mullin, respectively. Casey Smith jumped to the Federal League at the same time, ending up in Pittsburgh. (*Columbia Record*, September 19, 1913.) Per his SABR bio, he played 25 games in Charleston before quitting the club. He played for a team in Louisville later in the summer, after he was done in Pittsburgh.

In 1914, Smith signed with Regina (Saskatchewan, Canada), where the papers noted he was one of four ex-Federal League players on the club. The manager at Regina was Charlie Stis, whom Brown supplanted at shortstop for two games. Outfielder Joseph Zoellers was a St. Louis native who played a few games with the Terriers at the start of the 1913 season.

It seems entirely plausible, then, that Casey Smith used the non de Plume Brown by during a brief stint with St. Louis after leaving Charleston with Witter and Ridgeway. When he didn't impress O'Connor, he was turned over to Pittsburgh.

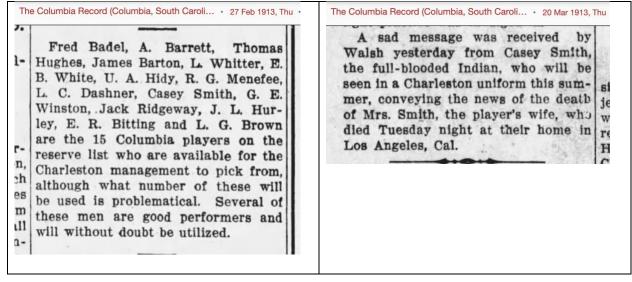
While Casey Smith is the most logical option for Brown, there was another Native American Indian shortstop in the neighborhood at that same time. George Eastman, a Sioux Indian from South Dakota, was given a trial by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the spring of 1913. In early May, he was sent to Steubenville of the Interstate League, but they returned him to Pittsburgh (*Pittsburgh Press*, May 4, 1913: 22). On May 22, Eastman was sent out by Pittsburgh to Huntington (WV) in the Ohio State League. While it seems unlikely that he would jump to the Federal League and then come back without problem, Eastman was MIA during the time span in which Brown played for St. Louis. Eastman played in Montana for a few years after 1913, and in 1921 he was given a tryout by the St. Louis Browns (*Great Falls (MT) Tribune*, March 15, 1921: 8).



L. Brown played with Pittsburgh from May 28 through June 15, 1913

Casey Smith

With Columbia in 1911, 1912, plus a tryout with the Cubs in 1912



The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida) • 11 May 1913, Sun • Page 6 Jacksonville 1, Charleston 1
JACKSONVILLE, May 10—Foster
and Wilder worked a pretty eleven
inning pitcher's battle this afternoon,
the game being called on account of darkness when the score was 1 and 1.
Foster allowed but five hits but did
not walk a man. Wilder allowed seven hits and walked one. A one handed catch of a line drive from Casey Smith's bat by Hoffman was the fielding feature. Score: Jacksonville001 000 000 00-1 5 2 Charleston 100 000 000 00—1 7 2 Batteries: Wilder and Smith; Foster Time 1:50. and Menefee. Umpire Pender. The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky) • 20 Jul 1913, Sun • Page 35

The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky) • 14 Jul 1913, Mon • Page 7

Butchertown Beats Glenwood.

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Butchertown won their sixth straight Sunday game yesterday afternoon, when they defeated Glenwood-4 to 1. Harper, the East Enders' crack twirler, again demonstrated that he is the best twirler on the local lots by allowing the North Siders but three hits, and fanned eight men. Bradbury hit the the North Siders but three hits, and fanned eight men. Bradbury hit the ball for keeps, the little centerfielder hitting safely on every trip to the plate, one of which was a double. A stop by Murphy and a catch by Weisenstein featured. Casey Smith, the Indian who was with the Cubs and Colonels for a while last season, played shortstop for Glenwood, and amazed the crowd with his clever base running. Vetter and Girard both hit well for Butchertown. The score: Butchertown. The score:

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Ty who was with Chicago and Louisville last year, will cover short for Glenwood. ...

The Columbia Record (Columbia, South Caroli... • 19 Sep 1913, Fri • Pa

chance of making a reputation for h the himself. Clubs in both the Southern a less and American associations of him. Casey Smith and Jack Ridgeved way, who were suspended along with Witter, have been released. Ridgesign way is pitching ball at present for the for St. Louis club of the Federal league ver, under the name of Mullin. Smith for at a while played with the Pittsburghs, of of the Federal league, but he was canned, and his whereabouts since has milnot been learned.

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PLAYERS WOULD GO TO FEDERAL LEAGUE

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Foster the Only Pitcher Avail- Tomorrow able for Duty-Other Games.

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(Associated Press Dispatch.) Charleston, S. C., May 16.—Charleston takes the field against Macon today considerably crippled, with Smith, Witter and Ridgeway under suspension for threatening to jump to the Federal league, and with Foster the lone pitcher available for effective duty. Foxen will probably play third. Pitchers must go into the outfield. The Gulls may win with perfect weather prevailing. Voss twirls for

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Saskatoon Daily Star (Saskatoon, Saskatchew... . 14 Mar 1914, Sat .

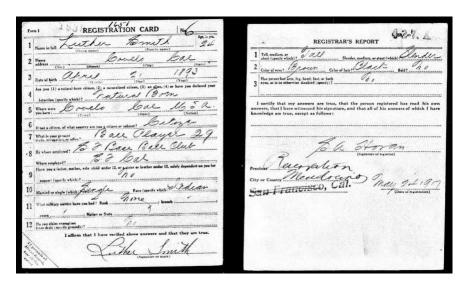
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Catchers-John Murphy, Alf. Baker, Charles Roth.

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Infielders—Charles Stis (manager).
C. C. Newman, Casey Smith.
Outfielders—J. W. Zoellers, Thomas
Gilroy, John Smith.
The Regima Red Sox have four exFederal Leaguers in their roster now
and it is not impossible that more exoutlaws will be signed up before the
open season is over. These four have
promised to be good and show none of
the qualifications one would expect in
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who have become re-incarnated and
have promised to abide by the rules
and regulations of sorganized baseball
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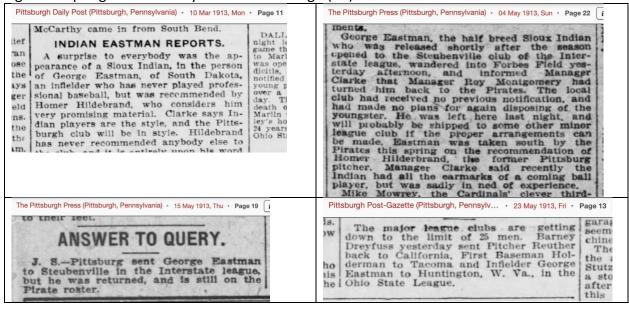




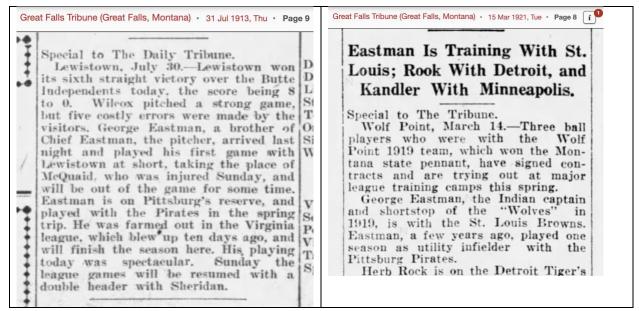
First wife, buried in New Albany, Indiana.

George Eastman

Signed in spring 1913 for a tryout with Pittsburgh (NL)



What was George Eastman doing between May 15 and May 23?



Ended up in Montana in July 1913