

Jack Croghan  
Chicago 1888

The Standard club is desirous to return thanks to Mr. Crogan, of the Riverside, for playing first base for them yesterday. Mr. Crogan can hardly be excelled in that position.

Wheeling Daily Intelligencer August 4, 1882

The Regulars beat the Healys badly Saturday in a game of baseball on the old fair grounds. The score was 15 to 5. The game between the LaBelle and Belmont nallers' nines was won by the former in a score of 20 to 20. The Lillys beat the Riversides on the State Fair Grounds, the score standing 15 to 3. Jack Croghan, first baseman of the Riverside, has resigned, and will play with the Lillys during the fair next week.

Wheeling Daily Intelligencer September 3, 1883

A Chicago special reads: "The following have been signed by Manager Morgan for the Chicago Western League club: Fred Lange as third baseman, formerly with the Lincoln, Neb., team; D. E. Dugdale, catcher of the Buffalos; Jack Crogan, left fielder of the West Virginia club; M. Hangle, second baseman, Kansas City, and Henry Long, center fielder of the Emporia, Kas., team."

Oshkosh Northwestern Oct 22, 1887

In the game at Chicago Monday when the Western team defeated the League team, Dunn, the well known pitcher who was with Wheeling last season, pitched for the Westerns. He struck six men out and only allowed the Leaguers to get 10 hits off him. Big Anson was only able to call him down for one hit. Crogan, Wheeling's left fielder last season, played middle for the Westerns, but did nothing special.

According to the official schedule of  
Wheeling Daily Intelligencer April 19, 1888

Jack Crogan has, it is reported, been released from the Chicago Maroons at his own request, on account of a sore arm, and is expected to arrive here this week and spend some time at home recuperating.

Wheeling Daily Intelligencer June 5, 1888

...the boys may have a chance to get home and brace up for next Saturday's game here with Columbus. Saturday Jack Crogan was signed by the Wheeling management and sent out to Canton. He will probably play right field, and that will give Ben Stephens the bounce. There are some who doubt the wisdom of this. Stephens bats about as well as any of them, and as an extra pitcher to be called in at times of emergency is first-class.

Wheeling Daily Intelligencer Monday June 11, 1888

The next on the list is Jack Croghan, the great coach and fielder. He is also a fine base runner and hard left-handed hitter, and as a coach he is only excelled by the only Latham. Mr. Croghan will hold down center field.

Galveston Daily News December 29, 1889

Jack Croghan, who did the umpiring yesterday, is a Wheeling man. He played ball back in the 80's. As an umpire he promises to make good. In '96 he was out for a while as an umpire in the Interstate league.

Dayton Daily News May 8, 1900

Jack T. Croghan, of Wheeling, W. Va., was a Lancaster guest on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Croghan is a veteran big league base ball player and was a member of Pop Anson's Chicago team in 1888. He was an outfielder and his name is one that is familiar to the old timers in the national game.—

Lancaster New Era May 31, 1921

# Old-Time Player Dies

WHEELING, W. Va., April 25.—Jack Croghan, 84, professional baseball player before the "big leagues" era, died here today. He played for many years in the Iron Ore League, the Texas League, the Iowa League and later in the Central League, with Wheeling.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette April 26, 1943

Name: John Crogan	Name: John Croghan
Age in 1870: 10	Birth Date: 30 Jun 1860
Birth Year: abt 1860	Birth Place: Benwood, Mashall, West Virginia
Birthplace: West Virginia	Death Date: 25 Apr 1943
Dwelling Number: 304	Death Place: Wheeling, Ohio, West Virginia
Home in 1870: Union, Marshall, West Virginia	Burial Date: 28 Apr 1943
Race: White	Cemetery Name: Mt Calvary Cem.
Gender: Male	Death Age: 82 years 9 months 25 days
Post Office: Moundsville	Occupation: Real Estate Agent
Occupation: At Home	Race: White
Father of Foreign Birth: Y	Marital status: Single
Mother of Foreign Birth: Y	Gender: Male
Attended School: Y	Residence: Wheeling, Ohio, West VA.
Inferred Father: <a href="#">William Crogan</a>	Father Name: William Croghan
Inferred Mother: <a href="#">Lebina Crogan</a>	Father Birth Place: Ireland
Household Members:	Mother Name: Sabina Mullaney
<b>Name</b>	Mother Birth Place: Ireland
<a href="#">William Crogan</a>	FHL Film Number: 857621
<a href="#">Lebina Crogan</a>	Wills and Probates: <a href="#">Search for John Croghan in West Virginia Wills &amp; Probates collection</a>
<a href="#">Magga Crogan</a>	
<a href="#">Edward Crogan</a>	
<a href="#">John Crogan</a>	
<a href="#">Mary Crogan</a>	
<a href="#">Willie Crogan</a>	
<a href="#">Katie Crogan</a>	
<b>Age</b>	
39	
37	
15	
14	
10	
5	
3	
5/12	
1870 Census	



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# John Thomas “Jack” Croghan

**BIRTH** 29 Jun 1860  
Virginia, USA

**DEATH** 25 Apr 1943 (aged 82)  
Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, USA

**BURIAL** [Mount Calvary Cemetery](#)  
Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 208615871 · [View Source](#)

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## Family Members

### Parents



[William Croghan](#)  
1828–1907



[Sabina Mullaney Croghan](#)  
1825–1910

### Siblings



[Edward Francis Croghan](#)  
1857–1936



[Mary E. Croghan Caniff](#)  
1867–1948



[William Francis Croghan](#)  
1869–1936



[Charles L Croghan](#)  
1872–1903



[Katherine Croghan](#)  
1876–1959

## rites in Cathedral Tuesday for Famous Wheeling Star of the '80's

John T (Jack) Croghan, whose career as a professional ballplayer was avidly followed by Wheelingites in the late '80's, died Easter Sunday morning at 9 30 o'clock at his home, No. 60 Alley 20 Mr Croghan was 82

In poor health for the past four years, he had been seriously ill several months

"Jack" Croghan, as he was familiarly known to the sports world, began his baseball career on the local sandlots but it was not long until his skill brought him big league offers In 1884, at the age of 24, Croghan joined the Iron and Ore League The following year he played with the Hamilton, Ontario, team of the Canadian League and 1886 found him playing with the Memphis, Tenn, nine of the Southern League.

### With Wheeling Stogies

The next season, Jack Croghan returned to the scene of his early triumphs, having joined up with the old Wheeling team of the Central League, but the next year accepted an offer extended by the Chicago ball team of the Western Association. He remained with the Western team for only a part of the summer of 1888, returning to the Wheeling Stogies to finish the season.

Later he played with the Fort Worth and Houston teams of the Texas League and in 1891 became captain of the Davenport, Iowa, team of the I. & 1 League. Following several seasons of umpiring Croghan returned to the Wheeling team of the Central League as captain in 1898

### Renowned as Coach

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### League as Captain Renowned as Coach

Croghan was considered one of the finest baseball coaches of his day and he was well and favorably known in sports circles both in the East and West. He was an authority on baseball history and statistics and naturally took a keen interest in the sport after his retirement from the professional field.

### Born In Benwood

John T. Croghan was born in Benwood, W. Va., June 30, 1860, a son of the late William and Sabina Mullaney Croghan, and was educated in the local parochial schools.

Following his retirement from baseball he became associated with the sales department of the Wheeling Metal Manufacturing Co., and subsequently became affiliated with the real estate department of the Central Union Trust Co. As a very young man he served as a member of the Wheeling Fire department for a time

Mr. Croghan was a member of St Joseph's Cathedral.

He is survived by two sisters, Miss Kate Croghan, at home, and Mrs Mary Caniff of Steubenville, Ohio, and two nephews, Paul and Donald Caniff also of Steubenville

The body was removed to the Altmeyer funeral home Brief services to be conducted Tuesday morning at 8 15 o'clock in the funeral home will be followed by a High Mass of Requiem at 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's Cathedral Interment will occur at Mount Calvary cemetery

