

**Ray Harkness**  
**Sioux City 1888**

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1888	--	<a href="#">Sioux City Corn Huskers</a>	<a href="#">Western Association</a>	A				
1888	--	<a href="#">Danville Browns</a>	<a href="#">Central Interstate League</a>	N/A				
1890	--	<a href="#">Minneapolis Millers</a>	<a href="#">Western Association</a>	N/A				
1890	--	<a href="#">Sioux City Corn Huskers</a>	<a href="#">Western Association</a>	N/A				
1891	--	<a href="#">Fort Wayne</a>	<a href="#">Northwestern League</a>	N/A				
1891	--	<a href="#">Evansville Hoosiers</a>	<a href="#">Northwestern League</a>	N/A				
1891	--	<a href="#">Dayton</a>	<a href="#">Northwestern League</a>	N/A				
1892	--	<a href="#">Butte</a>	<a href="#">Montana State League</a>	B				

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the additional expenditure of money his contract will call for.

In the way of pitchers, the club has Burdick, who made his acquaintance with Oshkosh people by appearing in the box for Eau Claire last summer. He is known to all as a first-class twirler. Harkness, a young Iowa amateur, has also been secured. He is seeking a reputation and although Des Moines made a strong bid for him he decided to come to Oshkosh, because, he said, he heard they treated ball players better here than in any other place in the country. The signing of Ellis is also reported, but Mr. Chase says no official notice to that effect has been received here. Ellis filled the box for the Manchesters last season and is said to be a good pitcher.

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has received advance money.

Roy B. Harkness, a promising young pitcher of Humboldt, Iowa, and whom Des Moines wanted, has signed with Oshkosh.

Kansas City can take its own time to get

**The Iowa Player Ready for the Season's Work.**

Harkness, one of the pitchers of the Oshkosh ball team arrived in the city this morning. He is a young man about twenty-three years of age, sandy complected and is about five feet nine inches in height. In speaking of the outlook in the Northwestern League Harkness said that he thought the Des Moines club would be a hard one for the Oshkosh boys to get away with. There are five left-handed hitters in the club and these he says will be liable to bother a pitcher considerably. Harkness thinks he can pitch quite well under the new rules. He will visit with relatives in Ripon a part of this week and will return to Oshkosh in time to go into training Monday.

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Harkness, the pitcher signed by Oshkosh early last spring, but subsequently released, is playing with the Creston, Iowa, club, and in a game with the Omahas on July 4th struck out fourteen men.

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Manager Bryan has sent Allen home and has signed Ray Harkness, a Humboldt, Io., boy, who has been doing wonderful work this summer for the Danville, Ill., team in the Central Inter State league. In a game with Dubuque he struck out thirteen men. Harkness will report at Milwaukee. Sioux City left for that city to-night, and will play three games there, beginning to-morrow; then three games at Chicago, returning here on the 17th of this month. Des Moines goes to St. Paul to-night.

Sioux City Journal July 7, 1888

AT HUMBOLDT.

HUMBOLDT, Io., Aug. 24.—Special: The best game of ball played here this season came off yesterday between Lake Mills and Humboldt, resulting in a victory for the latter club. Score:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lake Mills	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—2
Humboldt	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	*—7

Base hits—Lake Mills, 2; Humboldt, 5. Two-base hits—Taft and Harkness, of Humboldt. Batteries—Roberts and Cady for Lake Mills, and Harkness and Harrington for Humboldt. Struck out—By Roberts, 6; by Harkness, 14.

Harkness and Harrington are the battery which did such fine work for Danville, Ill., earlier in the season, Harkness being the one signed by Sioux City after Danville disbanded. But he is a Humboldt boy, having lived here nearly twenty years, and this being now his home. Lake Mills claims to be the champion club of northern Iowa.

Sioux City Journal August 25, 1888

R. B. Harkness, of Humboldt, Io., and John Richter, of Winona, young and ambitious ball players, have been put on the list of the Minneapolis base ball team, and will be given a chance at the opening of the season. Harkness is a pitcher and Richter a catcher.

Sioux City Journal March 9, 1890

Ray Harkness, the Humboldt professional base ballist, has joined the Minneapolis club, as we learn from the Kosmos. Harkness has played with Creston, Los Angeles and Ft. Dodge. He began his professional career in 1887, when he won 26 consecutive games and pitched his club into the championship of the southwestern league. He pitched for the Danvilles in 1889 in the inter-state league.

Algona (Iowa) Republican April 9, 1890

### Harkness Released.

Ray Harkness was released yesterday morning by the Minneapolis management. He was not let go because of his inability to pitch good ball, but because the team is amply provided with good pitching material now that Shreve has proved himself worthy of confidence, so Harkness was given his release. The young fellow pitched some remarkably fine games early in the season, and will prove a good man for any team that is short in pitching material. He speaks of going to California.

St. Paul Globe June 7, 1890

—Ray B. Harkness is now at his home in Humboldt where he is resting up after his recent illness, and when he recovers fully, will accept either one of two offers that he has to play ball, one at Denver with the Western Association club and the other in New Haven, Connecticut, with the New Haven Atlantic league club. In the meantime an effort is being made to arrange a game to be played between this city and Humboldt, with Harkness in the box for the visitors. —Fort Dodge Chronicle.

Humboldt (Iowa) Independent June 26, 1890

Ray Harkness, the Humboldt baseballist, has signed for the coming season with the Evansville, Ind., baseball club, and expects to help that club win the pennant in the inter-state league. He says that the practice and exercise he has received this winter at Minneapolis has placed him in better form for the labor of his position than he has ever been before. Harkness is now spending a few days at Humboldt preparatory to leaving for the scene of battle.

Algona Upper Des Moines March 18, 1891

BUTTE, April 14.—Wilson, the catcher, and Ray Harkness, the pitcher, were both signed this morning, and the Butte club is now decidedly "in it." Harkness is one of the best minor league pitchers in the country, and will keep the heavy hitters of the opposing teams guessing as soon as he gets down to work. He won the pennant for Evansville in the Indiana state league last year by his great work in the box, and he finished the season with Cincinnati. While with the latter team he held the St. Louis sluggers down to eight hits in a game which he won from them. Wilson is as good a man behind the bat as Harkness is in the box, and they are both sure to do great work for Butte be-

The Anaconda Standard April 15, 1892

out base hits as often as anybody.  
Ray Harkness, who will do the twirling, pitched for the strong Evansville team in the Inter-State league last year. In 1890 he was with Minneapolis, and he pitched good ball in both places. In the practice games here he has developed great speed and a good many of the opposing batsmen will experience great difficulty in finding his delivery. He has all the curves and good control of the ball, and is also a good hitter.  
Wilson, his catcher, handles his delivery

Anaconda Standard May 14, 1892: 8

tion and make arrangements for next year. It is proposed to organize the league some time in January and it is probable that the meeting will be held in Butte. Salt Lake and Ogden are both ready to send delegates to such a meeting. Pitcher Harkness of last year's Butte team is making an effort to secure the management of the Ogden team, and expects to leave for that city in a few days.

Anaconda Standard November 30, 1892

From present indications Ogden will have a remarkably strong team. An organization has already been perfected. Some new material has been infused into the nine and the successes of last season will undoubtedly be greatly outshone. The following players will carry Ogden's pennant during the season of 1893. Traffley, Taylor, English, Barnes, Greenwell, Franklin, Maguire, Ferguson, Beal, Harkness and Thompson.

The Ogden Standard March 28, 1893

paid for them was refunded even if he had to pay it out of his own pocket. He is especially "sore" at Mr. Harkness, the pitcher, who, he alleges, has skipped out, leaving numerous debts behind. Mr. Traffiley says that Harkness sold a number of base ball tickets and appropriated the money to his own use, and this, too, after the association had treated him with the greatest kindness in a financial way.

What will be done in the base ball

The Ogden Standard April 14, 1893



ing. Salt Lake, which has been holding the project back, is now in line and a strong team, composed chiefly of old league men, was organized last night, the other towns to come in being Logan, Ogden and Provo. The local team proposes to get on its feet by selling seventy-five season tickets at \$10 each, which will cover the cost of uniforms and leave a fund of \$50 to go to the players at the close of the season. The new team is composed of Sahback, catcher, formerly with the Cleveland league; Emnerke, pitcher, late with Des Moines; Harkness, pitcher, late with Minneapolis; Barker of this city, pitcher; Taylor, late of Beatrice, Neb., first base; Lucas of this city, second base; Platts of this city, third base; English, late of San Francisco, short stop; Van Arnam, late of Kearney, Neb., center, and Cooke of this city right field.

Salt Lake City Herald April 23, 1893

Ray Harkness of Humboldt, who used to pitch ball in Algona occasionally, is with the Quincy, Ill., professionals.

Algona Upper Des Moines May 16, 1894

—Ray Harkness returned Tuesday morning from a trip to Mason City and Union. He is now nursing a couple of broken fingers as the result of a ball game at Union.

Humboldt Independent Sep 6, 1894

**Ray Harkness left for Idaho, Monday last. He will make his home there.**

Humboldt Republican Oct 18, 1894

"The composition of Cedar Rapids' league team up to date is as follows: Bowman, 1st base; Brott, 2nd base; Shaffer, 3d base; Buchan, ss; Folks, lf; Getchell, cf; Keefe, c; Risley and Harkness, pitchers. All will be on hand tomorrow and steady practicing will be indulged in until the opening of the season, when the team expects to be in tip-top condition.

Waterloo (Iowa) Courier April 22, 1895

**Harkness, one of Cedar Rapids' pitchers, has been released.**

Waterloo (Iowa) Courier June 17, 1895

**Sioux City Journal: Ray Harkness, formerly a pitcher in the Western league, who has many friends here, was in the city yesterday. He is now managing the Hawarden team.**

The Cedar Rapids Gazette Aug 13, 1895

The LeMars Sentinel has the following about one of Hawarden's ex-ball-players: "Ray Harkness left yesterday morning for his home in Minnesota, whence he will go to Chicago to spend the winter."

The Hawarden (Iowa) Independent September 12, 1895

will probably recover.

Billy Allen, recently appointed to the umpire staff of the Western association, says he will give up his present position April 18 and commence work training for the season's work. His training will be done in Des Moines and he will umpire the opening series in this city. Last evening Ray Harkness, Pitcher Jones and Figgemier went south to commence practice for their season with the Southern and Texas leagues.

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Des Moines Register March 19, 1896



## APPENDICITIS OPERATION.

Harkness, the Park City Ball Player,  
the Sufferer.

[Correspondence Tribune.]

Park City, June 23.—Rha Byron Harkness, familiarly known as "Old Boss," Park City's famous ball tosser, is very—perhaps dangerously—ill with appendicitis. He complained of feeling unwell the past few days, and although he pitched a good game Sunday, he was not feeling right, but did not think his illness of any consequence. Last evening at about 10 o'clock he was suddenly attacked with severe pains in the abdomen, and the pain grew more intense. A physician was called, and after an examination pronounced the case to be appendicitis, and he feared it was quite far advanced. The patient was put under the influence of opiates to relieve the pains and was given the usual local treatment. He did not recover consciousness until 1 o'clock today, and then he was able to talk but little.

Mr. Harkness was taken to the St. Mark's hospital this afternoon. His father, B. H. Harkness, who lives at Humboldt, Ia., has been notified by telegraph of his son's illness, but as yet no reply has been received. Rev. Father Gaillgan, Mark J. Moran and Clifford Hebert, the last two being

Salt Lake City Tribune Jun 24 1897

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Humboldt Independent July 1, 1897

Ray Harkness, Humboldt's speedy pitcher a half dozen years ago, was operated on in Salt Lake City last week for appendicitis and is coming on nicely. The Forest City Summit says: He pitches for one of the "Rocky" leagues this season.

Algona Upper Des Moines July 14, 1897

—Advices from Salt Lake this morning state that Rha Harkness is rallying—on the gain.

Humboldt Independent August 26, 1897

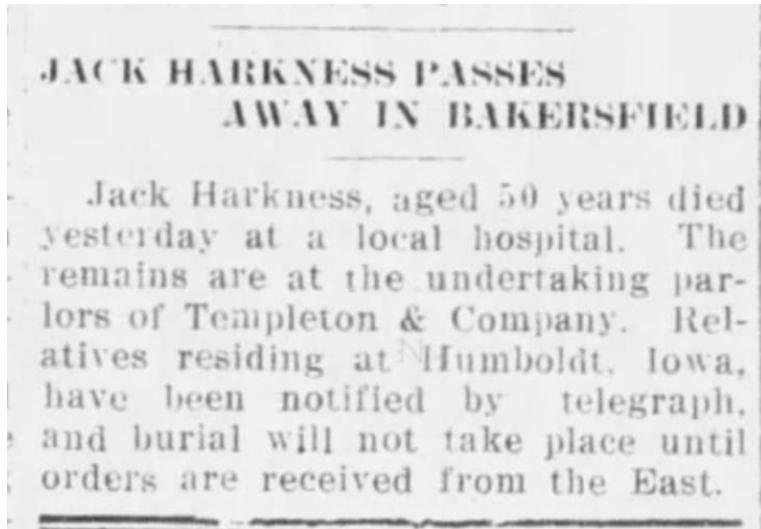
lost a pair at Sunday the M. E. asks the trade his the M. E. or a small says so in ou should s.	the officers entitled to them free. —Rhea B. Harkness arrived at home last Saturday morning in a very fair condition of health. He is obliged to depend somewhat upon a cane to steady his footsteps, and the effects of his serious illness is visable in the loss of flesh and lack of bouyancy that always characterized him. But he is in good condition, and rapidly taking on flesh. —All our advertising space is filled	grain, other with t —the l of wor stable loss is —A workl west c over t thing
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Ray B. Harkness, who distinguished himself last summer as one of Park City's crack ball players, arrived at the Walker House last evening from Cripple Creek.  
Editor Fred Nelson of Eureka, Ind.

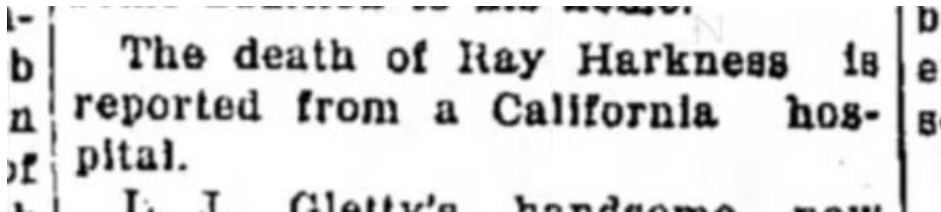
Salt Lake City Herald May 28, 1898

Ray Harkness, the baseball player, departed for Humboldt, Ia., last Friday.


The Pomona Progress March 11, 1913



Bakersfield Morning Echo Sep 9, 1914  
Not sure why they called him Jack Harkness...



Humboldt Republican Sep 7, 1934 – "Twenty Years Ago..." so 1914



### Rha Byron Harkness

BIRTH	25 Mar 1864 Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, USA
DEATH	8 Sep 1914 (aged 50) Bakersfield, Kern County, California, USA
BURIAL	Union Cemetery Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa, USA
PLOT	02-47
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Rha married Lottie Mcleod on 20 August 1884 in Rutland, Iowa. They were the parents of Bertha and Helen.

Sept 11, 1914 - Humboldt Republican - The death of Ray Harkness is reported from a hospital in Bakersfield, California. His mother in Humboldt received word some days ago, saying: "At hospital; all in".



Name:	Rhae H Harkness
Age in 1870:	6
Birth Year:	abt 1864
Birthplace:	Wisconsin
Dwelling Number:	50
Home in 1870:	Springvale, Humboldt, Iowa
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Post Office:	Springvale
Occupation:	At School
Attended School:	Y
Inferred Father:	<a href="#">Ryan H Harkness</a>
Inferred Mother:	<a href="#">Clora F Harkness</a>
Household Members:	
	<b>Name</b> <b>Age</b>
	<a href="#">Ryan H Harkness</a> 40
	<a href="#">Clora F Harkness</a> 39
	<a href="#">Rhae H Harkness</a> 6
	<a href="#">George F Elliot</a> 19

Name:	Ray B Harkness	Name:	Lottie D McLeod
Gender:	Male	Gender:	Female
Race:	Caucasian (White)	Race:	American
Age:	21	Age:	19
Birth Year:	abt 1863	Birth Year:	abt 1865
Birth Place:	Fairwater Wis.	Birth Place:	Brandon Wis.
Marriage Date:	20 Aug 1884	Marriage Date:	20 Aug 1884
Marriage Place:	Humboldt, Iowa, USA	Marriage Place:	Humboldt, Iowa, USA
Father:	<a href="#">Byron H Harkness</a>	Father:	<a href="#">Norman McLeod</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Clara Pierce</a>	Mother:	<a href="#">Esther Lord</a>
Spouse:	<a href="#">Lottie D McLeod</a>	Spouse:	<a href="#">Ray B Harkness</a>

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