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**Richard A. Cecil collection, 1951-1973**

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**Creator:** Cecil, Richard A.  
**Title:** Richard A. Cecil collection, 1951-1973  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1268  
**Extent:** 3.5 linear ft. (5 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Collection of materials relating to the Atlanta Braves baseball franchise including correspondence, contracts and scouting reports documenting the career of Hank Aaron as well as scouting reports from the Boston and Milwaukee Braves.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Richard A. Cecil is a former college baseball coach and scout for the Atlanta Braves. He has served the Braves as assistant farm system director, administrative assistant, business manager, assistant to the chairman of the board of directors, and vice president. Beginning in 1966, Cecil helped establish Atlanta's first soccer team, the Chiefs, acting in a number of administrative roles including president and was a co-owner from 1979-1981. He is a member of the Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame and a collector of sports memorabilia.

The Atlanta Braves is a Major League Baseball team in Atlanta, Georgia. The team name "Braves" originated in 1912 in Boston, Massachusetts. The team moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1953 and settled in Atlanta in 1966. The franchise has won 16 divisional titles, 17 National League pennants, and three World Series championships and is the only team to win the World Series in three different home cities.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of materials relating to the Atlanta Braves baseball franchise from 1951-1973 and collected by Richard A. Cecil. The collection includes correspondence, contracts, and scouting reports documenting the Boston Braves purchase of Hank Aaron's Negro League contract. There are also letters sent to Aaron and the Atlanta Braves during Aaron's attempts to break Babe Ruth's career home run record from 1972-1973. Some of these letters are supportive, though most are disparaging.

The collection also contains numerous scouting reports from the Boston and Milwaukee Braves, primarily from 1951-1963. The reports were created by various scouts for the organization and describe the talents and abilities of such players as Ernie Banks, Roberto Clemente, Pete Rose, Joe Torre, Don Zimmer, and many others.

Also included are transcripts of the legal proceedings and related documentation of the 1966 Wisconsin State Supreme Court case, *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves*, about whether or not the Milwaukee Braves team could be prevented from relocating to Atlanta. The criminal complaint filed in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court alleged that the Braves and the other nine teams in the National League had conspired to deprive the city of Milwaukee of Major League Baseball and had also agreed that no replacement team would be permitted in the city, in violation of the Wisconsin Antitrust Act.

Additionally, there are materials related to the 1972 United States Supreme Court Case, *Flood v. Kuhn*, which arose when St. Louis Cardinals' outfielder, Curt Flood, refused to be traded to the Philadelphia Phillies after the 1969 season and was denied free agency by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Flood filed a \$1 million lawsuit against Kuhn and Major League Baseball, alleging violation of federal antitrust laws. On June 19, 1972, the Supreme Court ruled 5-3 in favor of Major League Baseball.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Container List

### Hank Aaron collection

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Contracts, 1952
1	2	Correspondence, 1952-1954
2	1	Correspondence, 1971
2	2	Correspondence, circa 1972-1973
2	3	Correspondence, 1972
2	4	Correspondence, 1973
1	3	FBI hate mail investigation report, 1973
1	4	Indianapolis (Indiana) Clowns schedule, June 1952
1	5	Newspaper clipping, 1973
1	6	Scouting reports, 1952
1	7	TWA airline ticket receipt, 1952

### Scouting reports

1	8	Aaron, Tommy, 1956-1959
1	8	Adair, Jerry, 1958-1960
1	8	Agee Tommy, 1961
1	8	Aguirre, John, 1952
1	8	Aguirre, Hank, 1953
1	8	Alomar, Santos, 1961-1963
1	8	Alou, Felipe, 1956
1	8	Alou, Jesus, 1960
1	8	Alou, Mateo, 1959-1960
1	8	Altman, George, 1956
1	8	Amalfitano, Joe, 1953
1	8	Banks, Ernie, 1953
1	8	Banks, George, 1957-1958
1	8	Barber, Steve, 1954
1	8	Bathey, Earl, 1958
1	8	Bauman, Frank, 1951-1958
1	8	Beauchamp, Jim, 1957-1960
1	8	Belinsky, Robert "Bo," 1958
1	8	Bell, Gary, 1955-1957
1	8	Blanchard, John, 1957-1958
1	8	Blasingame, Don, 1953
1	8	Blasingame, Wade 1960-1963

1	8	Blass, Steve, 1961
1	8	Bolling, Frank, 1952
1	8	Boros, Steve, 1956-1959
1	8	Bouton, Jim, 1961
1	8	Boyer, Clete, 1955-1959
1	8	Brock, Lou, 1960-1961
1	8	Broglio, Ernest, 1953
1	8	Bunning, Jim, 1951
1	8	Callison, John, 1958-1959
1	8	Cardenas, Leonardo, 1957-1958
1	8	Cardwell, Don, 1953-1954
1	8	Carroll, Clay, 1960-1963
1	8	Carty, Rico, 1960-1963
1	8	Cepeda, Orlando, 1956-1957
1	8	Chance, Dean, 1959-1960
1	8	Cimoli, Gino, 1952
1	8	Clemente, Roberto, 1957
1	8	Clendenon, Donn, 1960
1	8	Cloninger, Tony, 1957-1960
1	8	Coates, Jim, 1952-1956
1	8	Colavito, Rocky, 1953
1	8	Conley, Gene, 1951-1952
1	8	Consolo, William, 1951-1952
1	8	Corralis, Pat, 1961
1	8	Culp, Ray, 1959-1960
1	9	Davalillo, Vic, 1960
1	9	Davenport, Jim, 1955-1956
1	9	Davis, Tom, 1956-1959
1	9	Davis, Willie, 1960
1	9	Donovan, Dick, 1952-1954
1	9	Downing, Al, 1959
1	9	Drott, Dick, 1952-1954
1	9	Drydale, Don, 1954
1	9	Duren, Rinold, 1954
1	9	Eaddy, Don, 1953-1955
1	9	Edwards, John, 1958-1959
1	9	Ellsworth, Richard, 1958-1959
1	9	Estrada, Charlie, 1957-1959
1	9	Etchebarren, Andy, 1961

1	9	Fairly, Ron, 1956-1960
1	9	Farrell, Dick, 1953
1	9	Fisher, Eddie, 1960
1	9	Flood, Curt, 1956-1957
1	9	Freehan, Bill, 1958-1961
1	9	Freese, Gene, 1953
1	9	Gentile, Jim, 1951-1956
1	9	Gibbs, Jake, 1959-1961
1	9	Gibson, Bob, 1956
1	9	Giel, Paul, 1954
1	9	Gilliam, James, Jr., 1952
1	9	Gillick, Pat, 1960
1	9	Giusti, Dave, 1961
1	9	Green, Dallas, 1957
1	9	Grim, Bob, 1951
1	9	Groat, Dick, 1952
1	9	Haas, Eddie, 1956
1	9	Haller, Tom, 1956-1960
1	9	Harper, Tom, 1960-1961
1	9	Hegan, Mike, 1961
1	9	Held, Woody, 1953
1	9	Helms, Tommy, 1961
1	9	Herbel, Ron, 1959-1960
1	9	Hinton, Chuck, 1959
1	9	Hippauf, Herb, 1960-1965
1	9	Hoak, Don, 1952
1	9	Hoerner, Joe, 1957
1	9	Howard, Elston, 1954
1	9	Howard, Frank, 1956-1959
1	9	Howser, Dick, 1959-1960
1	9	Hriniak, Walt, 1961-1963
1	9	Hubbs, Ken, 1959-1960
1	9	Hundley, Randy, 1959-1960
1	9	Jackson, Al, 1958
1	9	Jarvis, Pat, 1965
1	9	Jones, Mack, 1958-1963
1	9	Jones, Sam, 1951-1952
1	10	Kaline, Al, 1951
1	10	Killebrew, Harmon, 1957

1	10	Kindall, Jerry, 1955-1958
1	10	Klimchock, Lou, 1958-1959
1	10	Kline, Ron, 1951
1	10	Krausse, Lew, 1959-1961
1	10	Kubek, Tony, 1954-1955
1	10	Kucks, John, 1952
1	10	Kuenn, Harvey, 1951-1952
1	10	Lajoie, Bill, 1955-1956
1	10	Lanier, Hal, 1960
1	10	Lawrence, Brooks, 1951
1	10	LeMaster, Denver, 1957-1960
1	10	Lum, Mike, 1963
1	10	Mahaffy, Art, 1954-1955
1	10	Maloney, Jim, 1959
1	10	Malzone, Frank, 1951
1	10	Marichal, Juan, 1959
1	10	Maris, Roger, 1953-1955
1	10	Maye, Lee, 1954-1959
1	10	McAuliffe, Dick, 1957-1960
1	10	McCarver, Tim, 1958-1959
1	10	McCormick, Mike, 1956
1	10	McCovey, Willie, 1955-1956
1	10	McDowell, Sam, 1960
1	10	McNally, Dave, 1960-1961
1	10	Menke, Denis, 1957-1960
1	10	Miller, Bob, 1956-1958
1	10	Miller, Bob G., 1951-1955
1	10	Monbouquette, Bill, 1956-1957
1	10	Morton, Carl, 1957-1963
1	10	Neal, Charlie, 1951
1	10	Niekro, Phil, 1959-1962
1	10	Nixon, Russ, 1954-1955
1	10	O'Dell, Billy, 1954
1	10	Osteen, Claude, 1959
1	10	O'Toole, Jim, 1958
1	10	Owens, Jim, 1952-1958
1	11	Pearson, Albie, 1955-1956
1	11	Pepitone, Joe, 1958-1959
1	11	Perranoski, Ron, 1956-1958

1	11	Perry, Gaylord, 1957-1959
1	11	Perry, Jim, 1956-1957
1	11	Peters, Gary, 1956-1960
1	11	Pinson, Vada, 1957
1	11	Powell, John "Boog," 1958-1960
1	11	Power, Vic, 1952-1957
1	11	Regan, Phil, 1954-1959
1	11	Richardson, Bobby, 1954
1	11	Robinson, Brooks, 1956
1	11	Robinson, Frank, 1953-1955
1	11	Rodgers, Bob, 1956-1957
1	11	Rojas, Octavio "Cookie," 1956
1	11	Rose, Pete, 1960-1961
1	11	Roseboro, John, 1953
1	11	Santo, Ron, 1959
1	11	Schneider, Dan, 1962-1963
1	11	Score, Herb, 1951-1952
1	11	Seibern, Norm, 1957
1	11	Shamsky, Art, 1961
1	11	Shannon, Mike, 1957-1958
1	11	Sherry, Larry, 1956
1	11	Skowron, Bill, 1951-1952
1	11	Stargell, Willie, 1959
1	11	Stephens, Gene, 1951-1954
1	11	Stuart, Dick, 1951-1956
1	11	Sullivan, Haywood, 1951-1952
1	11	Sutton, Don, 1964
1	11	Thomas, George, 1957-1960
1	11	Throneberry, Marv, 1951-1953
1	11	Torre, Joe, 1959-1960
1	11	Tresh, Tom, 1958
1	11	Trowbridge, Bob, 1954
1	11	Veale, Bob, 1959
1	11	Versalles, Zoilo, 1958-1959
1	11	Virdon, Bill, 1951-1952
1	11	Washburn, Ray, 1960
1	11	Weis, Al, 1960
1	11	White, Bill, 1953-1954
1	11	Whisenant, Pete, 1952-1954

- 1 11 Williams, Billy, 1958
- 1 11 Williams, Stan, 1954-1957
- 1 11 Wills, Maurice, 1956
- 1 11 Wine, Bob, 1957-1958
- 1 11 Wood, Wilbur, 1959-1960
- 1 11 Woodward, William "Woody," 1962-1963
- 1 11 Yastrzemski, Carl, 1958-1959
- 1 11 Zimmer, Don, 1951-1952

***Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves, Flood v. Kuhn, and related legal proceedings records***

- 5 - Amateur Sports Act of 1978, Report of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on S. 2727, 1978
- 5 - City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority v. Atlanta Braves, Inc., reports, 1965-1966
- 5 - *Curtis C. Flood v. Bowie K. Kuhn*, United States Supreme Court case, Correspondence and records, 1970-1971 [1]
- 5 - *Curtis C. Flood v. Bowie K. Kuhn*, United States Supreme Court case, Correspondence and records, 1970-1971 [2]
- 5 - Hearings before the Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives, Serial No. 1, Part 6, 1951
- 5 - Milwaukee Braves, Inc. v. Eugene H. Grobschmidt, Eastern District of Wisconsin, District Court of the United States, report, 1964
- 5 - Senate Anti-Trust Sub-Committee Hearings transcript of proceedings, 1971
- 5 - Senate Anti-Trust Sub-Committee Hearings transcript of proceedings, Volume II, 1971
- 5 - Senate Anti-Trust Sub-Committee Hearings transcript of proceedings, Serial No. 8, Part 2, 1971
- 5 - Senate Anti-Trust Sub-Committee Hearings transcript of proceedings, Serial No. 8, Part 3, 1971
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume I, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume II, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume III, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume III-A, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume IV, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume V, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume VI, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume VII, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume VIII, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume IX, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume X, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume X-A, 1966



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- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XI-A, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XI-B, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XI-C, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XI-D, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XII, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XIII, 1966
- 3 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XIII-A,  
1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XIV, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XIV-A,  
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XV, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XVI, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XVII, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XIX, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XIX-A,  
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XX, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XX-A, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XX-B, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXI, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXII, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXIII, 1966
- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXIII-A,  
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXIV, 1966
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXV-A,  
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVI, 1966
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVII,  
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- 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVIII,  
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- 5 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVIII,  
1966 [2]

- 5 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVIII-A, 1966
  - 5 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXIX, 1966
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