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Richard A. Cecil collection, 1948-2001

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Cecil, Richard A.
Title: Richard A. Cecil collection, 1948-2001
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1268
Extent: 16.75 linear ft. (17 boxes)
Abstract: Collection of Richard A. Cecil relating to the Atlanta Braves baseball franchise and the Atlanta Chiefs soccer franchise, including correspondence, contracts and scouting reports documenting the career of Hank Aaron, as well as correspondence, farm system reports, financial records, photographs, printed material, and scouting reports from the Boston, Milwaukee, and Atlanta Braves, and correspondence, financial records, photographs, and printed material from the Atlanta Chiefs.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

Gift and purchase from Richard A. Cecil, 2013. Additions gift of Cecil, 2017. Additions gift and purchase from Cecil, 2018.

Citation

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Appraisal Note

Curator of African American Collections, Pellom McDaniels, III, acquired the collection as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African Americans and sports. Curator of Political, Cultural, and Social Movements, Randy Gue, acquired the additions to the collection in 2017 and 2018 as part of the Rose Library's holdings in Atlanta history. Archivists retained all material received in 2013 and 2017. During accessioning in 2020, Rose Library staff removed and returned to the donor 0.25 linear foot of duplicate material identified in the 2018 additions, including programs, guides, and memorabilia. Appraisal decisions were made by Accessioning Archivist, Meaghan O'Riordan, in consultation with Randy Gue.

Processing

Arranged and described at the file level by Sarah Quigley, September 2013. Additions arranged and described at the file level by Meaghan O'Riordan, September 2017. Additions arranged and described at the collection level by Meaghan O'Riordan, February 2020.

Collection Description**Biographical and Historical Note**

Richard A. Cecil is a former college baseball coach and scout for the Atlanta Braves (Georgia). 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 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 19 divisional titles (14 consecutive from 1991-2005), 17 National League pennants, and three World Series championships and is the only team to win the World Series in three different home cities.

The Atlanta Chiefs was an American professional soccer team based in Atlanta, Georgia. The team was a charter member of and competed in the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) in 1967. Following the 1967 season, the NPSL merged with the United Soccer Association to form the North American Soccer League (NASL), in which the Chiefs played from 1968-1973 and again from 1979-1981. Cecil created the team because he thought a professional soccer team would add valuable events for Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, where the Braves played from 1966-1996. Team tryouts were held on the campus of Emory University, which also housed the Chiefs' training facility. The first game against the Baltimore Bays on April 16, 1967, was the

first professional soccer match to be televised in the United States. The Chiefs also became the first champions of NASL by defeating the San Diego Toros (California) in the final in 1968, making them the first professional sports franchise in Atlanta to win a championship. In total, they held five division titles and two NASL championship titles.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of materials relating to the Atlanta Braves baseball franchise and the Atlanta Chiefs soccer franchise from 1948-2001 and collected by Richard A. Cecil. The collection includes correspondence, farm system reports, financial records, printed material, photographs, and scouting reports from 1948-1985 documenting the formation of the Braves franchise in Boston (Massachusetts), as well as its move to Milwaukee (Wisconsin) and then to Atlanta (Georgia). The collection also contains correspondence, financial records, photographs, and printed material related to public relations firm Braves Productions, Inc., from 1965-1985.

Also included are correspondence, league regulations, legal and financial records, memorabilia, minutes, photographs, player contracts, printed material, programs, and team rosters from 1966-1985 documenting the formation of both the Atlanta Chiefs and the National Professional Soccer League, as well as its merger with the United Soccer Association to form the North American Soccer League.

Additionally, the collection includes 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.

The collection also contains 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.

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.

Container List

Atlanta/Boston/Milwaukee Braves and Braves Productions Inc., records

Box	Folder	Content
11	-	Atlanta Braves, financial records, 1964-1980
12	-	Atlanta Braves, financial records, printed material, and manuals, 1964-2001
13	-	Atlanta Braves, printed material and photographs, 1964-2001
16	-	Atlanta Braves, photographs and printed material, 1964-1980
10	-	Boston/Milwaukee Braves, farm system reports, scouting reports, photographs and negatives, and financial records, 1948-1965
11	-	Boston/Milwaukee Braves, farm system reports, photographs and negatives, correspondence, statistics, and printed material, 1948-1965
13	-	Braves Productions, Inc., correspondence, financial records, printed material, and photographs, 1968-1969
14	-	Braves Productions, Inc., correspondence, financial records, printed material, and photographs, 1965-1985
13	-	Milwaukee Braves, photographs, 1959

Atlanta Chiefs, Inc., and North American Soccer League collection

17	-	Atlanta Chiefs, scrapbooks, 1966-1968
7	-	Atlanta Chiefs and North American Soccer League, correspondence, printed material, photographs, team rosters, league regulations, and player contracts, 1966-1968
16	-	Atlanta Chiefs and North American Soccer League, league regulations and player contract, 1966-1968
8	-	Atlanta Chiefs and North American Soccer League, printed material, programs, photographs, and memorabilia 1966-1983
9	-	Atlanta Chiefs and North American Soccer League, printed material, programs, memorabilia, strategic plans and legal and financial records, 1966-1982
10	-	Atlanta Chiefs and North American Soccer League, strategic plans and legal and financial records, 1966-1982
6	-	National Professional Soccer League and United Soccer Association meeting minutes, correspondence, and printed material, 1966-1967
7	-	National Professional Soccer League meeting minutes, 1967

Boston and Milwaukee Braves 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	Batthey, 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

Hank Aaron collection

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
12	-	Photographs and printed material, 1968-1999
16	-	Photographs, 1969-1970
1	5	Newspaper clipping, 1973
1	6	Scouting reports, 1952
1	7	TWA airline ticket receipt, 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, 1966
 - 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, 1966
 - 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
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 - 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVI-A, 1966
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 - 4 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVIII, 1966 [1]
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 - 5 - *Wisconsin v. Milwaukee Braves* Transcript of proceedings, volume XXVIII-A, 1966
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