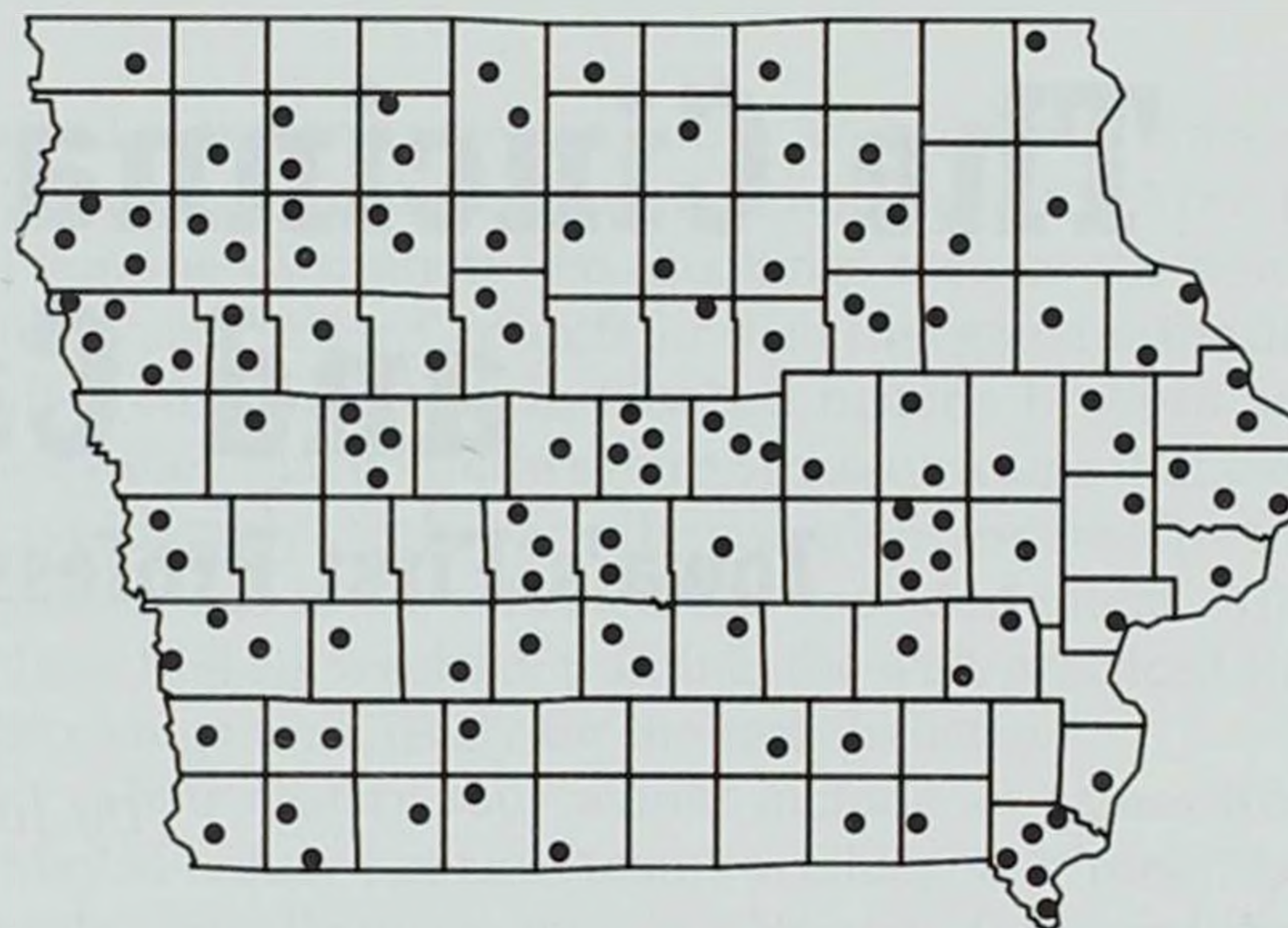


Hometowns of Iowa's Major Leaguers

MORE THAN 200 IOWA MEN have attained the ultimate goal of playing in the major leagues. Six are honored in baseball's Hall of Fame; others played only a few games, a few innings, or even less—as the 19th-century expression put it, “they stopped in for a cup of coffee.” Iowa's major leaguers have come from three-quarters of our counties, from small towns like Pisgah and Cascade, and from larger cities. Some of their hometowns no longer exist (such as Clay's Grove and Knowlton); some have fewer than 200 citizens. Bancroft, Lost Nation, Neola, and Norway—all with populations below 1,000—each produced two or more major leaguers.

Iowa baseball historian Jerry Clark describes it well: “The lowans who played major league baseball represent a broad cross-section. . . . Boys from both rural and urban Iowa honed their talents on hometown diamonds and worked up to the major league fields. For some reason, a good many of these Iowa boys found their niche on the pitching mound. Some were stars; others were journeymen ballplayers filling in where they



could. For some, baseball was a short interlude in their lives; others made a lifelong career of playing, coaching, umpiring, or scouting. Many came back to Iowa and took up jobs as farmers, laborers, businessmen and teachers. Some became more famous in other fields of endeavor. . . . All had their day in the sun.” Their hometowns appear below (although the actual birthplace may have been a different Iowa town). —by John Liepa

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| Ackley: Arthur Reinhart | Coalville: James Grant, Clifford Knox | Eugene Ford, James Long, William Metzger, Michael Schwabe, Kevin Wickander | Manchester: Walter McCredie | Pocahontas: Lawrence Biittner |
| Algona: William Salisbury, David Skaugstad, George Stueland | Conway: Lyndon Welday | Foster: Roy Wilson | Marengo: Paul Hinrichs | Popejoy: Charles Frisbee |
| Ames: Stephen Dreyer, Robert Harris, Billy Sunday | Coon Rapids: Jay King Towne | George: Robert Locker | Marshalltown: Adrian Anson, Maurice Kent, Samuel B. Sager | Preston: Robert Oldis |
| Ankeny: Todd Sears | Council Bluffs: Stanley Bahnsen, Jonathan Lieber | Glidden: Albert Epperly | Mason City: Donald Eddy, Timothy Laudner, Ronald Miller, Frank Secory | Red Oak: Richard Kenworthy |
| Atlantic: Rick Heiserman | Creston: Harold Smith | Graettinger: Guilford Paulsen | Maxwell: Clyde Southwick | Remsen: Joseph Lotz, John Niggeling |
| Aurelia: Wesley Siglin | Croton: Otto Saltzgaver | Grundy Center: Robert Hasbrook | Middle Amana: William Zuber | Riverside: Vance McIlree |
| Bancroft: Joseph Hatten, Denis Menke | Danbury: Raymond Haley | Hamburg: Carl Stimson | Milton: Wayne McLeland | Sac City: Paul Zahniser |
| Bellevue: Marvin Felderman | Davenport: Eugene Baker, Michael Busch, Michael Butcher, Josh D. Kroeger, Adolph Lorenzen, Thomas Lundstedt, Scott Pose, Thomas Walsh, Mitch Wylie | Harper: Philip Slattery | Monticello: James Crabb | Salix: Donald Black |
| Blanchard: Don Ragan | Des Moines: Todd Belitz, Casey Blake, Ed Courtney, Thomas Drees, Jerry Hairston, James W. Holmes, Joseph Magrane, Mike Mahoney, Richard Manville, Hermas McFarland, Benjamin Sampson, Kevin Tapani | Holstein: Foster Edwards, Wilbur Wehde | Montrose: Calvin McVey | Schleswig: Edward Pipgras |
| Bloomfield: John Rawlings | De Witt: Danny Moeller | Humboldt: John Thompson | Muscatine: Albert Gould | Shenandoah: Milo Marshall |
| Boone: Charles Brown, Gerald McNertney | Donnellson: Alfred Lawson | Ida Grove: Harry Eells, George Pipgras | Neola: Jerome Downs, James Morgan | Sioux City: David J. Bancroft, David Adler, Richard Green, Robert Knoop, Robert Mattick, Donald Wengert |
| Breda: Verle Tiefenthaler | Dorchester: Nathaniel Kellogg | Indianola: Casey Blake | New Hampton: Duane Josephson | Smithland: George Clark |
| Brighton: Louis Nordyke | Dubuque: Charles Buelow, Frederick Glade, Joseph Hoerner, Edward Keas, William McWilliams, Kevin Rhomberg | Iowa City: Craig Colbert, Leo Meyer | Newton: Nate Teut | Storm Lake: George Decker |
| Burlington: James Dunegan, Jack Hamilton, Steve Macko, Rodney Nichols, James Panther, Matt Perisho | Elkader: John Dittmer | Jesup: William Wagner | North English: Mace Brown | Story City: Henry Severeid |
| Carroll: Kenneth Henderson | Everly: Luvern Fear | Keokuk: Jeremiah Harrington, Rollin Lutz | Norway: Michael Boddicker, Bruce Kimm, Harold Trosky | Struble: Arthur Jahn |
| Cascade: Urban Faber | Farnhamville: Frederick Stanley | Kingsley: Harry Gaspar | Osage: Robert Brush, Jesse Duryea | Sumner: Les Tiedje |
| Cedar Falls: Matthew Wagner | Forest City: Luther Owens Barnes | Knowlton: Clarence Yaryan | Ottumwa: Robert Lee, Henry Ostdiek, Jacob Weimer | Toledo: Leonard Cole |
| Cedar Rapids: Calvin Eldred, Benjamin Ford, Nate Frese, William Hoffer, Wes Obermueller, Richard Rozek, Shawn Sedlacek, Cy Slapnicka, Gregory Thayer, John Wathan, Earl Whitehill | Fort Dodge: Louis Fiene, | Lacona: David G. Baker | Parkersburg: Roy Luebbe | Van Meter: Bob Feller |
| Charles City: Vivian Lindaman | | Lamoni: Edward Watt | Parnell: Edward Gharrity | Victor: Jack Collum |
| Cherokee: Stephen Melter | | Laurens: Adrian Lynch | Paullina: Arthur Ewold | Villisca: Lynn King |
| Clarion: Lee Handley | | Lawton: Arnold Anderson | Pella: Kory DeHaan | Vinton: Edmund Miller, Ralph Miller |
| Clay's Grove: Samuel Carroll | | Le Grand: John Coombs | Perry: George Tomer | Waterloo: Jack Bruner, Richard Folkers, Richard Weik |
| Clemons: Veme James Clemons | | Le Mars: Walter Marbet | Peterson: Roscoe Holm | Waukee: Harold Manders |
| Clinton: Thomas Hilgendorf | | Linn Grove: Richard Grapenthin | Pisgah: Loren Rolland Babe | Waverly: Andrew Hinch |
| | | Logan: Harold McKain | | Wesley: George Fisher |
| | | Lost Nation: James McAndrew, George Stone | | Winterset: Fred Clarke |
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| | | Mallard: Frank Mulroney | | Unknown Iowa hometown: George Crosby, Charlie Hodnett |
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