

*"Dummy"
Dalton Fuller*

Famous Deaf Mute Pitcher Visits Here



Above, Dalton "Dummy" Fuller, visits with Luther "Dummy" Taylor, famous N. Y. Giants pitcher of the early 1900's. Taylor visited relatives here this week. He is one of the nominees for the Hall of Fame, conducted by the Old Timers association. Both of the friends are deaf mutes and both all around athletes in their youth.

A teammate of Christy Mathewson and Joe McGinnity, under John McGraw, Dummy Taylor was a member of the Giants who played in the first established, official world series in 1905, against the Athletics. He is a native of Kansas, thus eligible for the Hall of Fame award, going to those born in the state, and being present or former residents.

Taylor started his major league career with the New York Giants in 1908, where he played through the season of 1908 after which he was in the International league during 1909-10-11-12, ending his career in Topeka where he was with the Western league club during the season of 1913.

He recalls that previous to his going up to the big time, he was called to pitch a game for Sedgwick against a negro team, which was considered the best in this vicinity. The negroes made three successive hits in the first inning, but with the bases filled Taylor struck out the next three batters and from then he worked all right.

One of Taylor's prized possessions is a lifetime pass signed by both Harridge and Frick entitling him to see any game in either league and he was wearing a watch bearing a fancy inscription, which was presented to him by San Diego, Cal., where Taylor played alongside Mike Donlin, Frank Chance and Harry Steinfeldt in the Winter Coast league during the 1901 season.

His early years in Kansas were spent partly as an instructor of baseball at the Olathe School for the Deaf, where he also played football and basketball, serving as manager of both teams. That is where he became acquainted with Fuller, teaching the Wichita mute his early baseball and assisting in his development in the other two.

Taylor is one of the boys' house-fathers at Jacksonville, Ill., where one of the largest schools for the deaf in the United States is located. He is en route to California to visit a sister whom he has not seen for 19 years.