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COLONEL JOHN J. MCCOOK AND HIS FIELD -- A LETTER AND REPLY

University of Kansas
Lawrence

Department of Physical Education

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Professor M. W. Sterling,
1129 Louisiana Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Professor Sterling:

Some time ago Mr. George O. Foster gave to the Athletic Office a picture of John J. McCook, and after my demise as Athletic Director the picture was taken upstairs. I desire to have the Men's Student Council take cognizance of Mr. McCook's gift of McCook Field to the University. I have also asked that his picture be put in a conspicuous place in the Union Building, perhaps the trophy case.

I am writing you for some information that I would like to pass on to them. How much did John J. McCook give to the University in the way of land or money? And in what year? What year was McCook Field built, and was the baseball and football grandstand a part of the gift?

Any additional history that you may give in regard to this will be greatly appreciated.

(Signed)

Very cordially yours,

FORREST C. ALLEN

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Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.