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**EVANSVILLE BASE BALL CLUB
LETTER, 4 MARCH 1913**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Professional baseball began in Evansville in 1887 and continues to the present with the exception of the years 1931–1937. The team mentioned in the letters in this collection was the Evansville River Rats of the Central League. Teams in the Central League were from similarly sized cities in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Iowa and were in what was termed Class-B baseball. In 1916, the team's name was changed to the Evansville Evas.

Harry W. Stahlhefer, the company's president and letter writer, was born of German parents in Evansville in 1870. In 1898, he married Elizabeth Weaver, and they had one child. In addition to being President of the Evansville Base Ball Club, Stahlhefer was listed as a clerk, buggy works superintendent, and real estate agent in the census. He died in 1956.

Sources:

Baseball Reference www.baseball-reference.com/ accessed 25 September 2018

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The item is a letter from Harry W. Stahlhefer, President of the Evansville Base Ball Company to Bryan Nork in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, offering him a contract to play for \$150 a month, 4 March 1913, ALS.

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