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**HAROLD V. HARTSOUGH'S AMATEUR BASEBALL  
TEAMS COLLECTION, 1923–1925, N.D.**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association was formed in 1912 by Carl Callahan and James Lowry in the office of the Charles C. Carr Company, an athletic supply manufacturer. Harold V. Hartsough, who served as director of recreation for the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, coached and managed teams in the Marion County Sunday School League. He coached junior baseball for boys younger than age eighteen as well as coaching adult men. In 1923 the Broadway Sunday School junior team won the city's Class B championship and in 1924 Broadway won the city's Class C championship.

Harold Vincent Hartsough was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on 18 April 1891 to Leman C. and Caroline Lucretia Beck Hartsough. By 1914 he had moved to Indianapolis, where he worked as fellowship secretary for the YMCA. In June 1915 he married Anna Louise Bush (1892–1926) in Indianapolis. By 1917 they were living in Boulder, Colorado, where Harold worked for the YMCA. The couple had three children: Ethyl (Hall), Harold Jr., and Ruth Virginia (Meck). By 1920 they had returned to Indianapolis, where Harold worked as an accountant for the Keyless Lock Co. By 1923 he was recreation director for the Broadway Methodist Episcopal gym and Sunday School. He managed baseball teams for Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church in the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association. After Anna's death, Harold married Ruth Ashmore Jones (1894–1951) in Ohio in August 1927. At that time, he was living in Phoenix, Arizona, and working for the Presbyterian Church. By 1930, they were living in Los Angeles, California, where Harold was director of education for the Presbyterian Church. Harold and Ruth had two daughters: Mary Lou (Franck) and Beverly (Moulton). By 1940 they were living in Pasadena, California, where Harold was a minister. By 1950, they lived in Riverside, California, where he was still a minister. After his second wife's death, Harold married Mary R. White (1892–1966) in October 1952 in California. Harold died on 24 February 1967 in Riverside.

Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church began in 1873 as Pattison Methodist Episcopal Mission Church, named for Isaac Pattison, who was the primary donor to the cost of the church building located just north of Tinker and 7<sup>th</sup> Street (now 16<sup>th</sup> Street). By 1877, the congregation needed a larger church. Land was purchased and the building was moved four blocks west to the northeast corner of Bellefontaine and 7<sup>th</sup> Street (now 16<sup>th</sup> Street). In 1883 the building was expanded and renamed the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation continued to grow and so a new church was built at the corner of Broadway and Clyde (now 22<sup>nd</sup> Street) and dedicated on 7 January 1894. The name was changed to Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church. By 1903, it had 413 members. After continued growth, construction began in 1908 on a new stone Gothic church building at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street location, which was dedicated on 17 December 1911. By Easter of 1918, Broadway was the largest Methodist congregation in Indiana with more than 1,200 members. The building housed three other congregations before being demolished in January 2012.

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The Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association. *Official 1925 Year Book* (included in this collection).

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of four black-and-white photographs of amateur baseball teams managed and/or coached by Harold V. Hartsough of Indianapolis. Two photographs are of teams from the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church in 1923 and 1924. Two other undated photographs show eleven men, including Hartsough, whose team is not identified but may also have been with the Broadway church. Also included is a copy of The Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association’s *Official 1925 Year Book*. This collection was donated by Harold Hartsough’s grandson.

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### CONTAINER

Photograph of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School Junior Team in baseball uniforms – 1923 City Class B Champions – gathered on steps in front of a building. Identified on back:  
Bottom row: R. Davis, R. Pogue, “Billy” Lich, M. Callon, D. Whitesell, L. Brafford.  
Middle row: G. Sutton, M. Brafford, J. Reed, H. Holt, R. Sweetman.  
Top row: H. V. Hartsough, coach; J. W. Darnell, manager.

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Photograph of 1924 City Class C Champions – shows thirteen young men in Broadway baseball uniforms and [Harold V. Hartsough] in a suit. One name is written on back: H. Payne (with no indication which one he is).

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Group photo of eleven young men posing outdoors by a building with a stack of baseball bats, gloves, baseballs, and catcher’s gear – There appears to be a palm tree in the background (n.d.). The men are identified:  
Back row: V. Schupp, P. Torrey, B. Guthries [Guthrie?], B. Mackey, A. Stewart, P. Guthrie, Harold Hartsough.  
Front row: S. Smith, R. Taylor, E. Coffinger, F. Foltz.  
Listed as absent: L. Fitzgerald, B. Thompson, J. Nuth, F. Hubbard.

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Group photo of the same eleven men as listed immediately above. They are gathered on a staircase outside what appears to be the same building, and they are all dressed as they were in the other photo, indicating that it was taken the same day (n.d.). [Harold Hartsough is at top on the far right.]

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The Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association’s *Official 1925 Year Book*: 68 pages plus cover – includes list of officers; a brief history; constitution, by-laws, and rules; articles; photographs; and advertisements.

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