

# THE LIMESTONE LEAGUE: SPRING TRAINING IN INDIANA DURING WWII

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## USER INFORMATION

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

During World War II, America's major league baseball teams were required to conduct spring training in northern states. Indiana towns became training sites for the following teams: Chicago Cubs (French Lick, Orange Co.), Chicago White Sox (French Lick and Terre Haute, Vigo Co.), Cincinnati Reds (Bloomington, Monroe Co.), Cleveland Indians (Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co.), Detroit Tigers (Evansville, Vanderburgh Co.), and the Pittsburgh Pirates (Muncie, Delaware Co.). These teams formed an informal circuit that came to be known as the Limestone League.

Steve Krah (fl. 1996-1997) is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and a staff member of the *Elkhart Truth* newspaper.

Sources: Material within the collection.  
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### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of an 11-page photocopied typescript of *The Limestone League: Spring Training in Indiana during WWII*, an article written by Steve Krah. The article discusses professional baseball in the U.S. during World War II, specifically those teams who held spring training in Indiana towns. It also includes the recollections of Homer Rice (fl. 1943-1997), who was a freshman at Indiana University when the Cincinnati Reds trained in Bloomington. Krah also lists rosters (1943-1945) for Limestone League teams, spring training sites (1943-1945) for major league baseball teams, and Indiana natives with connections to professional baseball (1943-1945).

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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