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A Founding Father of Base Ball Speaks

HARTFORD, Conn.—March 17, 2014. Daniel Lucius “Doc” Adams (Yale, 1835; Harvard School of Medicine, 1838) started playing base ball in 1839. From 1845-1862, was a founding member of the New York Knickerbockers Base Ball Club, considered America’s first officially-organized base ball team. He is credited with creating the position of shortstop, helped to establish the distance of bases at 90 feet and the length of games at nine innings, among other accomplishments. For six of the seventeen years with the club, he served as the Knickerbockers’ president. Upon retiring from the game, he moved to Ridgefield, Connecticut, serving both in the state legislature and as Ridgefield Savings Bank’s first president. He is interred in New Haven.

Despite his early and significant contributions to the development of the game, Doc Adams has never been officially recognized as one of the founding fathers of our national pastime. On Saturday, April 12, 2014, a great-granddaughter, Marjorie Adams, will bring Doc back to life through baseball historian Gary “Pops” O’Maxfield, in a presentation at the 19th Century Base Ball Conference of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). In the 25-minute educational piece, Ms. Adams will “interview” Doc in order to illuminate Doc Adams’ many contributions to the early game, in furtherance of his candidacy for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

What: An Interview of Doc Adams (as portrayed by Gary “Pops” O’Maxfield)
When: Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:15am - 10:45am
Where: Bullpen Theatre, National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York

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