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A FOUNDING FATHER OF BASE BALL



DANIEL LUCIUS "DOC" ADAMS, M.D.  
1814 - 1899

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## Baseball Pioneer Named to the 2016 National Baseball Hall of Fame Pre-integration Era Committee Ballot

The National Baseball Hall of Fame announced on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> that Daniel Lucius 'Doc' Adams is one of the 10 finalists to appear on the 2016 Pre-integration Era Committee ballot (<http://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/pre-integration/adams-doc#2016-pre-integration-committee-ballot>).

Doc Adams along with six former big league players and three executives comprise the 10-candidate Pre-Integration Era Committee ballot to be reviewed and voted upon Dec. 7 at the Baseball Winter Meetings in Nashville, Tenn. Candidates receiving 75% of the votes will be enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame next July.

Adams' contributions to the game include the creation of the shortstop position and heading the baseball governing body that established key aspects of today's baseball game including nine players per team, the nine-inning game, ninety feet between bases and catching the ball on the fly.

Adams was born in Mont Vernon, New Hampshire on November 1, 1814. He graduated from Yale in 1835 and Harvard Medical School in 1838. In 1839, he moved to New York where he established his own medical practice.

Adams joined the New York Base Ball Club in 1840. By 1845, he became a member of the famed Knickerbocker Base Ball Club and was elected as its president two years later. In 1848, he led the committee to revise the rules and by-laws of the Knickerbockers.

Upon retiring from the game and his medical practice, Adams returned to Connecticut. He became the first president of the Ridgefield Savings Bank, a founder and first treasurer of the Ridgefield Library, and a member of the Connecticut State House of Representatives.

In 1888, the family moved to New Haven, Connecticut where his two sons attended Yale's Sheffield Scientific School. Adams died in 1899 and is buried in New Haven.

Adams was selected 2014 19th Century Overlooked Baseball Legend the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). Each year SABR The annual award honors a 19th century player, manager, executive or other baseball personality not yet inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

The efforts to have the contributions of Doc Adams recognized by baseball have been led by his great granddaughters, Marjorie Adams of Mystic, Connecticut, and Nancy A. Downey of New York City.

More information on Doc Adams and his contributions to the game of baseball can be found at:

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[www.facebook.com/DanielLuciusDocAdams](https://www.facebook.com/DanielLuciusDocAdams), and

<http://sabr.org/bioproj/person/14ec7492>.

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