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#### A TRUE FATHER OF BASEBALL



**DANIEL LUCIUS "DOC" ADAMS**  
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### **New Web Site Explores Former Connecticut Resident, Daniel Lucius Adams, a Forgotten Founding Father of Baseball.**

DANIEL LUCIUS "DOC" ADAMS (1814 – 1899) was one of the early pioneers of baseball. The origins of baseball have always been a little murky and shrouded in mystery. Everyone has heard the now discredited myth of Abner Doubleday, a distinguished Civil War general, being the father of baseball but not many other than baseball historians are aware of Doc Adams' influence on the development of the game.

For too long, his accomplishments have gone without public recognition or have been credited to others. As more complete and accurate research has documented Doc's place in baseball history, it is time to honor him with enshrinement into the National Baseball Hall of Fame where he can take his rightful and long-overlooked place alongside the other baseball pioneers.

We have launched a website [www.DocAdamsBaseBall.org](http://www.DocAdamsBaseBall.org) which we will use to educate visitors about Doc Adams' accomplishments and contributions to the game of baseball and provide updates on our efforts towards his enshrinement into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Some highlights of Doc Adams' contributions to the game:

1. He created the shortstop position.
2. He headed the Committee to Revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Association of Base Ball Players (NABBP), the first organization governing American baseball.
  - Distance between bases was fixed at 90 feet.
  - Length of games was established at 9 innings.
  - He supported nine-man baseball teams.
  - He advocated the fly-game, that is, not to allow first-bound catches.
3. He started playing base ball in 1839. He played for both the New York Base Ball Club and the New York Knickerbockers (1845 - 1862). The latter of which was one of the first organized baseball teams which played under a set of rules similar to the game today.
4. He served as the New York Knickerbocker president for 6 years and on the board, in other roles, for another 6 years.
5. He personally made baseballs and oversaw the making of bats, not only for the Knickerbockers but also for other New York City-based clubs in an effort to standardize the game's equipment.
6. The New York Knickerbocker Base Ball Club awarded him an honorary membership and passed a resolution naming him the "Nestor of Ball Players".