



BASEBALL PIONEER

DANIEL LUCIUS "DOC" ADAMS, M.D.

"Baseball's Most Important Figure Not In The Hall of Fame"



Top Vote Getter on 2016 Pre-Integration Era Ballot, National Baseball Hall of Fame

Selected **Overlooked 19th Century Base Ball Legend for 2014** by the Society of American Baseball Research

1814: Born November 1, in Mont Vernon, NH.

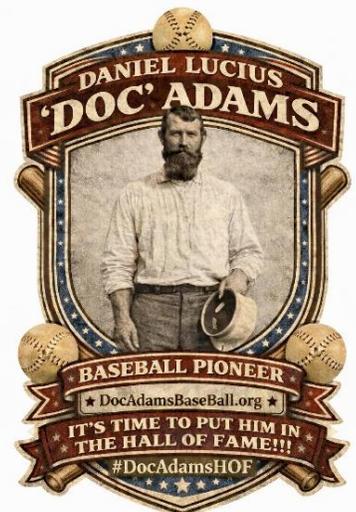
1835: Graduated Yale.

1838: Graduated Harvard Medical School.

1839: Moved to New York City & established medical practice.

- 1840 Joined the NEW YORK BASE BALL CLUB.
- 1845 Joined the newly formed KNICKERBOCKER BASE BALL CLUB, one of the 1st organized base ball teams that played under a set of rules similar to today's game. Played in their November 18, 1845 intramural game.
- 1846 June 19: Played in Knickerbockers' "famed" intermural base ball game at the Elysian Fields, Hoboken, NJ. Elected Vice-President of the Knickerbockers; President in '47-'49, '56, '57 and '61; served as a director in other years. Played all positions (except pitcher) and umpired, during his 17 years with the club.
- 1848 As Knickerbocker President, headed Committee to Revise the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 1849-50 Created the shortstop position and was the first to occupy it. Personally, made the balls and oversaw the making of bats, for the Knickerbockers and later for other NYC clubs, to ensure availability and standardize the game's equipment.
- 1853 Appointed to committee to set a joint set of rules for the Knickerbockers, Gotham, and Eagle clubs.
- 1857 Elected President of the first baseball convention to standardize the rules of play authoring the 'Laws of Base Ball' which was presented to the convention.
 - 9 men per side / 9 innings of play - adopted
 - 90 feet between bases and 45 feet from pitcher's base to home - adopted
 - The 'fly' game: ball caught on 1st bounce no longer an 'out' – adopted in 1865

Doc's handwritten 'Laws of Base Ball' and accompanying documents sold for \$3.26 million in April 2016. At the time, it was the highest paid for any baseball document, fourth highest paid for any baseball memorabilia.
- 1858 National Association of Base Ball Players founded. Doc presided as Chair of the Rules Committee until his retirement from the Knickerbockers and the game.
- 1862 Resigned from the Knickerbockers and awarded honorary membership and proclaimed, "The Nestor of Ball Players".
- 1865 Retired to Ridgefield, CT.
- 1870 Elected to State House of Representatives.
- 1871 Elected first President of Ridgefield Savings Bank.
- 1875 Played in Knickerbocker Reunion Game.
- 1880 Helped found Ridgefield Library. Elected 1st Treasurer.
- 1888 Moved to New Haven where his two sons attended Yale.
- 1899 Died January 3, in New Haven, CT and buried there in Evergreen Cemetery.



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