

**BEAZLEY, JOHN ANDREW
(1918-1990)
PAPERS
1916-1990**

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INTRODUCTION

The John Andrew Beazley papers (1916-1990) are centered around John Andrew Beazley (1918-1900), major league baseball pitcher, businessman and civic leader of Nashville, Tennessee. The papers occupy 2.52 linear feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 62 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the John Andrew Beazley Papers may be made for the purpose of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Andrew Beazley

- 1918 May 25, born in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of John Andrew and Mattie Sue (Robertson) Beazley
- 1925-1932 Attended and graduated from Barker School, Birmingham, Alabama
- 1932-1936 Attended Cohn Junior High School and Hume-Fogg High School, Nashville, Tennessee

1937-1941 Baseball pitcher in the minor leagues

<u>Year</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>League</u>
1937	Lexington	Kitty
	Leesburg	Florida State
	Talahassie	Georgia-Florida
	Greenville	Cotton States
1938	Greenville	Cotton States
	Abbeville	Evangeline
1939	New Orleans	Southern
1940	Columbus	Sally
	Mobile	Southeastern
1941	New Orleans	Southern

1941-1949 Baseball pitcher in the major leagues

<u>Year</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1941	St. Louis	National	1	0
1942	St. Louis	National	21	6
1946	St. Louis	National	7	5

1947	Boston	National	2	0
1948	Boston	National	0	1
1949	Boston	National	0	0

1942-1945 Served in the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) with rank of First Lieutenant

1943 January 30, married to Carolyn (Jo) Frey of Springfield, Tennessee, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida

1950-1972 Owned the Falstaff Beer distributorship in Nashville, Tennessee

1974 Death of first wife, Jo Frey Beazley

1974-1976 Served on Metro Council in Nashville, Tennessee

1975 November 28, married to Jacqueline Spurlock Ezell in Montgomery, Alabama

1990 April 21, died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee and interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery

Honors and Awards

1942 - Selected as the "Rookie of the Year" by the Baseball Writers Association of America

1977 - Inducted into Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The John Andrew Beazley Papers, Containing sixty two items, spans the years 1916-1990, but are concentrated in the period 1938-1948. The collection is composed of clippings, correspondence, legal documents, newspapers, photographs, a program, scrapbooks, and several miscellaneous items.

The collection is centered around John Andrew Beazley (1918-1990) and largely concerns his career as a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Boston Braves in the National League between 1942-1948.

Correspondence is limited to a letter from Sam Breadon, President of the St. Louis Cardinals, to Beazley in 1942 referring to the latter's recent induction into the Army.

Legal documents include two baseball contracts between Beazley and the St. Louis baseball club for the 1942 and 1946 seasons. It is of interest to note that the Cardinals' star pitcher who won two games in the 1942 World Series agreed to a contract for \$8,500 for the first post-war season.

Among the photographs in the collection is a group picture of golfers in which Johnny Beazley and Jay H. "Dizzy" Dean appear. In his later life Beazley helped found the Capital City Golf Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

One of the rare baseball items in the collection is the Official Program of the 1942 World Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees.

The two scrapbooks provide a rich source of information on the baseball career of Johnny Beazley. Beginning with his high school years, the clippings follow Nashville's native son through the minor leagues and into his major league career with the St. Louis Cardinals and ending with the Boston Braves.

The John Andrew Beazley Papers offer baseball researchers a rare opportunity to follow the brief career of a pitcher who earned the nickname "Yankee Killer" for his heroics in the 1942 World Series.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Clippings--Johnny Beazley, 1947-1949
2. Clippings--"Lengthen Strike Zone to Speed Games - Beazley," January 26 1963
3. Clippings--Old Timers Baseball Association's Dinner, February 7, 1964
4. Clippings--St. Louis Cardinals - 1942, July 1, 1962
5. Clippings--Terry Beazley, n.d.
6. Clippings--Wedding--Beazley - Robertson, 1916
7. Correspondence--Breadon, Sam - to - John A. Beazley
8. Financial Records--1942 World Series Shares - St. Louis Cardinals
9. Legal Documents--Contract--St. Louis Cardinals and John A. Beazley, 1942
10. Legal Documents--Contract--St. Louis Cardinals and John A. Beazley, 1946
11. Legal Documents--Official Notice--Disposition of Player's Contract..., 1949
12. Obituary--Beazley, Felix Owen, 1959
13. Photographs, drawings, etc.--Beazley, Johnny, ca. 1948 (2)
14. Photographs, drawings, etc.--Beazley, Johnny, Mrs. Sue Beazley, et al, 1942
15. Photographs, drawings, etc.-- Beazley, Johnny and Cardinals Celebrate, October, 1942
16. Photographs, drawings, etc.-- Beazley, Johnny, "Dizzy" Dean, et al, n.d.
17. Photographs, drawings, etc.-- Beazley, Johnny and Mike Gonzales, n.d.
18. Photographs, drawings, etc.-- Beazley, Johnny, Whitey Kurowski, Enos Slaughter, 1942
19. Photographs, drawings, etc.-- Bonham, Ernie and Johnny Beazley, 1942
20. Photographs, drawings, etc.--Boston Braves, National League, Champions, 1948
21. Photographs, drawings, etc.--"Johnny....and Cards....Come Marching Home to St. Louis," October 6, 1942
22. Photographs, drawings, etc.--National League Champions, Boston Braves, 1948
23. Photographs, drawings, etc.--St. Louis Cardinals, 1946
24. Printed Materials--Baseball Magazine, November 1938
25. Printed Materials--Baseball Magazine, February 1939
26. Programs--1942 World Series
27. Scrapbooks--John A. Beazley
28. Scrapbooks--John A. Beazley

Box 2

1. Newspapers--St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Picture Section, October 11, 1942
2. Newspapers--The Sporting News, September 8, 1938
3. Newspapers--The Sporting News, October 6, 1938 (incomplete)
4. Newspapers--The Sporting News, October 20, 1938

5. Newspapers--The Sporting News, October 27, 1938
6. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 3, 1938
7. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 10, 1938

8. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 17, 1938
9. Newspapers--The Sporting News, December 1, 1938
10. Newspapers--The Sporting News, December 22, 1938
11. Newspapers--The Sporting News, January 5, 1939
12. Newspapers--The Sporting News, January 19, 1939
13. Newspapers--The Sporting News, January 26, 1939
14. Newspapers--The Sporting News, February 9, 1939
15. Newspapers--The Sporting News, February 16, 1939
16. Newspapers--The Sporting News, February 23, 1939
17. Newspapers--The Sporting News, July 27, 1939
18. Newspapers--The Sporting News, September 28, 1939
19. Newspapers--The Sporting News, October 5, 1939
20. Newspapers--The Sporting News, October 12, 1939
21. Newspapers--The Sporting News, October 19, 1939 (incomplete)
22. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 2, 1939 (incomplete)
23. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 9, 1939 (incomplete)
24. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 23, 1939
25. Newspapers--The Sporting News, November 30, 1939
26. Newspapers--The Sporting News, December 21, 1939
27. Newspapers--The Sporting News, December 28, 1939
28. Newspapers--The Sporting News, January 4, 1940
29. Newspapers--The Sporting News, January 18, 1940
30. Newspapers--The Sporting News, February 1, 1940
31. Newspapers--The Sporting News, February 8, 1940
32. Newspapers--The Sporting News, January 30, 1941
33. Newspapers--The Sporting News, February 6, 1941 (incomplete)