

BALL PARK

The Bradley Brick Company located south of South Street east of railroad tracks was purchased by the Wooley Co. While Chester E. Lawrence owned the company he sold a portion of the ground to the Town of Mooresville known as The Town Ball Park.

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Baseball

Mooreville has had ~~had~~ baseball almost as long as there has been baseball.

Amos Wilson Rusie, the famous pitcher + Hall of Famer was born here + played ^{parlor ball} with local boys mostly his cousins.

Wallace "Pake" Rusie, a 1st cousin, remembered catching with Amos. He had no equipment + used a folded handkerchief for a mitt. Once Amos pitched with such him a ball with such speed it broke the tip of his middle finger + went through a pine board backstop. There was no doubt in his mind then that Amos was due to be famous. Pake never gave up hope that ^{amso} he would be someday be in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He ~~never~~ ^{died in 1951} saw it happen + never saw it happen. But Amos was

finally inducted in 1979, ~~and~~
into the Indiana Hall of fame
in _____.

The early teams were young
men who loved the game.
They played ~~at~~ in Mendenhall
woods and later at the
"hall park" just ~~west~~ of the
old settlers Old Park,

Among the older teams
Players on the older teams
were Milford Carlisle,
Raymond Manford, John
Herzog, Carl Housand, Ralph
McCauley and others.

A tragedy occurred one Sunday
when a player on a Plainfield
team & Carl Housand argued
and Mr. Housand hit the
Plainfield player with a ball
bat. The man died & Mr. Housand
spent time in prison for the
crime. That, put ^{such} a shadow
over the sport that games were
not played here for some time.

Later a team was sponsored
by Sellars & Bellows Dry Goods
Store & named The Walkovers