

Bill Ling

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refuge at Vicksburg, Miss. From there he sent Blackburn the following telegram:

"Have joined Ringling Brothers Circus and have recommended you as a clown. Wire terms, you big four-flusher."

It was through Ling's efforts that the Milwaukee Brewers trained in Owensboro during 1913-14-15 and to the end Ling claimed this attraction put Owensboro on the map. He also succeeded in bringing Frank Chance's famous Chicago Cubs to Owensboro for an exhibition game on April 2, 1911.

While playing with the Owensboro Grays in 1914 in the Kitty League, Ling made 54 sacrifice hits in 94 games, a record at that time in professional baseball.

He is best remembered locally as the builder of Southside Park and manager of the old Owensboro Grays.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Effie Dougherty Ling; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Schmitt, Mrs. Ella Lee Puckett and Mrs. Jane Shown; a son, Roger Ling, all of Owensboro, and 13 grand-children.

A requiem high mass will be said at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Stephen Cathedral.

The body is at the Haley-McGinnis and Owensboro Funeral Home where friends may call after 12 noon Saturday.

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