

## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### McGill Baseball

Long before the scourge of TV and smartphones, baseball was the top choice of entertainment in the early days of McGill. Even during the construction of the copper plant and worker's houses in 1906-08, McGill fielded a Smelter Team.



I am trying to get the names of the players and the coach.

The first games were played in a cow pasture at the McGill ranch, just north of the McGill pool. In about 1912 the games were played on a field located between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets and between I Avenue and H Avenue. Here is a photo of the baseball teams heading toward the field on 4<sup>th</sup> street (1916).



In 1922 the ballpark was located where it is now, but the grandstand was on the corner of G avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> street. In 1949, the field was leveled and the grandstand moved where it is now.

Out of state teams were housed in a dormitory across the street from the Clubhouse. The McGill team would greet them at the dorm and then march with them to the ballpark. They respected each other very much. Kind of like the WWI fighter pilots. The people of McGill had great respect for all the players, but of course were biased towards McGill. This bond was much stronger here in a small town, because we all knew each other.

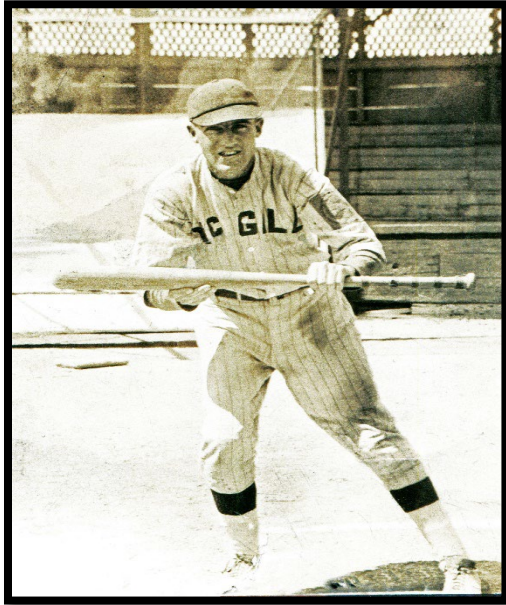
All of us McGill heathens had respect for the players and the ballpark. We all strived to make the various teams as we grew up.

Baseball is a good way to teach fellowship and respect for one another. I really miss those games and the ones who participated, whether one was a player or a fan.



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Here are some photos of one of the players from the 1930s that was on one of McGill's winning teams. He is DeWitt Reed, the father of James Reed.

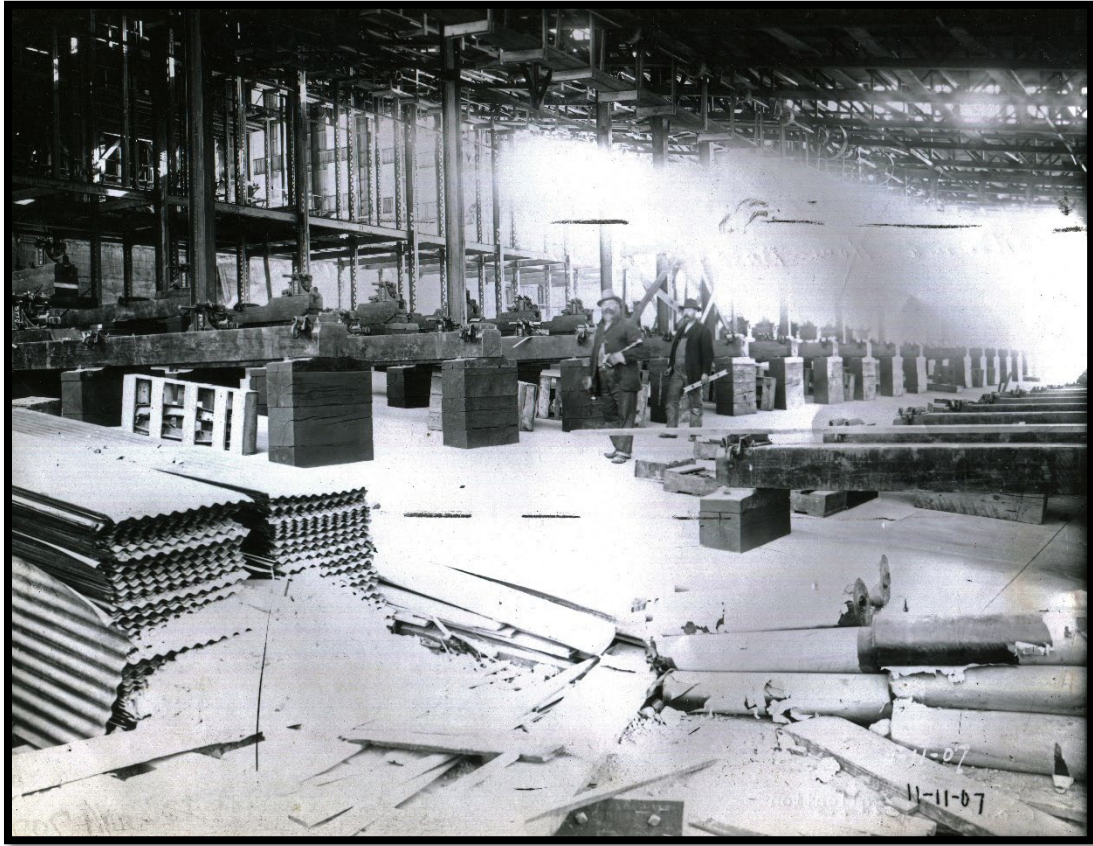


James Reed recently sent me the photos of his Dad. Thanks James

James Reed was also on a winning team, but in the 1940s/50s. It was the McGill Cadet team.



## Old Photo



November 11, 1907 photo shows men assembling the Wilfley tables at the concentrator (mill) building. These tables were quite complicated and were used in separating the ore from the waste.