

Over the many years during which Plympton has been represented by baseball teams, three players have stood out and above all others. Curiously none of them was Plympton born, although all three figured not a little in local fame on the diamond.

****Charles D. Potter****

Cambridge

Charlie Potter came to Plympton from Roslindale around 1890 while a boy in his teens. He was not long in associating himself with baseball and by 1900 he more than locally famous for his prowess as a pitcher. He pitched a goodly part of the games for the Plympton team in the 1906-08 period. His greatest pitching achievement came when he defeated the strong Abington team at the occasion of the 200th. Anniversary game on the Library Field, August 8, 1907. He allowed his apponents but two scattered hits and defeated them 4--1. His work that ^{day} was the finest of its nature ever given in Plympton.

Strong, quick, and powerful, he had the makings of a big league pitcher. Wildness was his greatest fault and with proper training that no doubt could have been over come. He had one of the finest throwing arms ever owned by a Plympton play-

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er. His added color made him a well known baseball character in and around Plympton soon after the turn of the present century.

-Henry S. Pink-

Although Henry Pink was born in North Carver he began his baseball career as a member of the Plympton 1906-07-08 team. He played regularly at thardbase for both Plympton and Carver teams. For years he held undisputed claim as the regular Carver thirdbaseman. He played one season ¹⁹⁰⁸ for the Middleboro Town team. From 1905 to 1920 he was the third baseman at all Carver Old Home games many times driving in the winning runs in the ninth inning.

"Bible" Pink as he was later nicknamed, was a natural third baseman. He was the possessor of a powerful throwing arm. Sure handed and quick on the throw, few batted balls ever went past him. He could seemingly catch and throw in one quick motion. Rarely did he make a wild throw to any base.

As grand as his fielding and throwing were he was best known as a batter. He was a natural lefthanded hitter to all fields, with beautiful line drives to center and rightcenter the most frequent. His best work at bat was done in Ply-

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pton in 1907 and in Carver in 1909. When a hit was needed it was an even chance that Henry Pink would come through with the blow. Though years have come and gone since Henry Pink laid aside his bat and uniform, Carver has yet to rear a batter to even approach its own grown Henry Pink. They usually come like Henry but once in a life time.

Lewis H. Billings

Lewis Billings came to Plympton from Quincy when his father moved here soon after 1900. Lewis was then only a small boy. Hard work on the farm at North Plympton coupled with the responsibility of practically assuming nearly full control of the farm, gave him a strong arm and mature judgment while yet a boy.

He became interested in baseball as a youngster and in the early part of the 1914 season he entered the box for the Plympton team. He was never taken from that position during the remainder of his career. He did so well during the following season that he was locally called the "Boy Wonder". His best achievement for Plympton came in 1915 when while yet a boy he defeated the strong Kingston Town team 6--2 after allow-

ing them but four scattered hits.

The Plympton team did not reorganize following 1915. Young Billings became a member of the Halifax team which was a member of the newly formed Old Colony league. Here he remained for two seasons. During his final year with Halifax the team came within one game of winning the pennant. The last game decided the result. When Halifax dropped out of the Old Colony league he shifted to the Hanson team in the same organization. His fine work for Hanson attracted the attention of the Brockton New England league team. This latter team signed him during the summer of 19 . Before the season closed at Brockton he had pitched five league games and was the winner in three of these contests. The New England league did not reorganize the following year, so Mr. Billings returned to local baseball. He pitched successfully in the Middleboro Twilight league several years following. Still possessing a good arm he retired from baseball after pitching for Plympton in 1936.

Lou Billings was tall, strong, and rangy. He possessed a fine throwing arm with a fast jumping curve and more than good control. On the field he never let ^{up} regardless of what the other players did.