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1919 CHICAGO “BLACK SOX” LEGAL DOCUMENTS ARCHIVE ACQUIRED BY CHM

Chicago History Museum wins bid to acquire more than 200 documents relating to the scandal.

CHICAGO (December 13, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum has bid on and won an archive of legal documents relating to the 1919 Chicago “Black Sox” scandal. The archive includes depositions, testimony, court proceedings, letters, telegrams, and memos concerning then White Sox owner Charles Comiskey and the “Eight Men Out.”

“In terms of content, the archive is very rich. There are various transcripts relating to back pay cases that several White Sox players filed, and correspondence among Comiskey and the American League offices which were headquartered in Chicago at that time. Some of the most compelling material deals with the gamblers and men who were the direct contacts between them and the players,” said curator Peter Alter.

The archive will be accessible to the public through the Museum’s Research Center after the materials have been processed and cataloged. This process will take several months to complete. The Museum is also planning in the future to rotate some of the archive into the sports section of the exhibition, *Chicago: Crossroads of America*.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District’s generous support of all the Museum’s activities.