



Exploring Diversity in Pennsylvania History

**Playing For Keeps:
Philadelphia's Pythian Base Ball Club**

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Letter from Jacob C. White to William Still regarding the cancellation of his membership to the Pythians. American Negro Historical Society Collection, HSP.

Room of Pythian B.B.C.,
718 Lombard St.,
Philada., March 1st, 1869.

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Sir,

Your communication was received and laid before the Club, and I have been instructed to make known to you the following facts which have been elicited by an investigation of the whole subject of your membership in of the organization.

On the 3^d of April, 1867 your name having been presented by Mr. J.W. Purnell, you were duly elected a Contributing member and one dollar contribution was for 1867 ↑was↑ paid by the said J.W. Purnell who states that he solicited you to become a member and you consented to the presentation of your name. He presented your name in good faith and paid your contribution for 1867. He subsequently informed you of your acceptance and of the payment of the fee for you, wherefor you refunded him the \$1.00. You are charged on our books with the contributions for 1868 & 1869 amounting to \$2.00- upon the payment of which a resignation will be accepted.

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