

PROBATE LAW CASE SUMMARY

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Baseball Lore: Coincidence

Arguably, the greatest catch in baseball history was made by Willie Mays in game one of the 54' World Series at the Polo Grounds. I saw it on tv and have watched the replay dozens of times. Let me set the scene, at least from my perspective.

In 54', the Indians were my favorite team. They were monstrous. The New York Yankees with Mantle etc. won 103 games and finished 8 games behind the tribe. The Indians finished 111 and 43. This ranks third in team season wins but second and third played 162 games verses the Tribes 154.

The Tribe was loaded with Detroit connections. Hank Greenberg was the G.M. Vic Wertz the first baseman, Joe Ginsberg a catcher, Art Houtteman and Prince Hal Newhouser pitchers. The starting eight were Jim Hegan, catcher, Vic Wertz at first, All-Star, Bobby Avila at second, George Strickland at short, Al Rosen at the hot box, Al Smith in left, Larry Doby in center and switch hitting (when he could hit), Dave Philley in right.

But whoa Nellie! Look at the starting five on the mound; Early Wynn 23 and 11, Mike Garcia 19 and 8, Bob Lemon 23 and 7, Art Houtteman 15 and 7 and an aging fire-ball legend, Rapid Robert Feller at 13 and 3. The Giants of New York could not beat this machine.

That's the setting for September 29, 1954, game one of the series played on Coogan's Bluff, the Polo Grounds, short down the lines with 484 to straight away center. Its 2-2, top of the 8th. Sal, the Barber Maglie is on the mound. Sal walks Larry Doby, and Rosen singles. Upcomes home run hitter, Vic Wertz. Wertz is a lefty. Leo "the Lip" Durocher the Giants' feisty manager, pulls the Barber and puts in a lefty pitcher, Don Liddle. The count is 2 balls and a strike. Wertz hits the pea over 420 feet just to the right of the 480 foot marker, Mays takes off, catches the ball in full strike over his shoulder, turns and hits the cut-off man. Had Doby stayed on second, he could have tagged and made it home. The Giants get 3 in the 10th and break the tribes psychological back to win the series in 4 games.

Now the coincidence, which I don't believe was ever discovered by any other preeminent baseball historian or written about as such. This event happened three times before!!!

It's the second game of the 36' World Series. Giants v Yanks. Bottom of 9th, 2 outs. Hank Lieber of the Giants is up. Hank hits one into the indent 480 feet away in dead center. The Yankee clipper chases it down. It's the last out. Joltin Joe catches the ball on the dead run

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and starts to run up the club house steps. Joe remembers that President Roosevelt is in attendance and that it is traditional not to exit until the President does. He sits on the steps until the President leaves. Joe had all three put outs in the game ending inning.

Next, the same scenario occurred in the 22' World Series. Again, Giants v Yanks. The Great Bambino is up. It's the third game. Ruth belts one. Billy Cunningham, subbing for center fielder, Casey Stengle, takes off like a rabbit. He runs past the monument in dead center of Eddie Grant, a Giant who gave his life fighting in France in World War I and snags the 430-foot drive.

In the 23' World Series, the same teams played. The Bambino is up. Casey Stengle is the Giant's center fielder. Casey remembers the running catch in 22', and before the Babe steps into the box, Casey goes back to the Grant monument and leans on it. The Bambino hits one to the DiMaggio, Mays, Cunningham spot. Casey doesn't move an inch, reaches up and catches the ball.

Fabulous!