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Summer 2020 Price List & Guide

The James Miller *Cincinnati Reds* Collection

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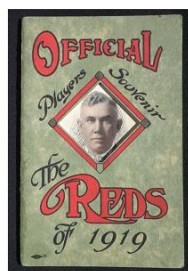
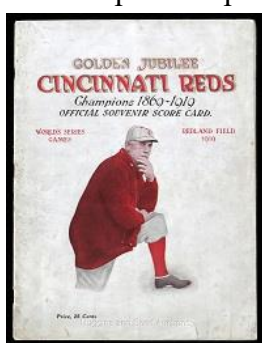


I have been associated with the sports memorabilia industry for many years now. One of the most frequently asked questions I get is “what do you collect?” Glad they asked. I have had a rooting interest for the Cincinnati Reds over the course of many decades and started collecting their artifacts back in the early 1980’s. Through the years I have amassed a large collection that includes: *display pieces, 19th century items* (especially 1869), *CDV’s, Tin Types, woodcuts, game used material, photos, tickets, pennants, a Crosley Field seat, a Palace of the Fans seat back rib, wire photos, programs/yearbooks, cabinet cards, schedules and so much more*. Surprisingly enough, I only have (1) bobble head doll in my collection (not my thing) and there are a dearth of uniforms (only have one at this writing). I pieced together my collection through various sources like: *flea markets, shows, buying from other dealers and collectors, auctions, referrals and beginning in the early 2000’s: The Internet*. I don’t have a particular area that I focus on, however anything pertaining to *Jim Maloney, Johnny Vander Meer, Vada Pinson, Ed Rousch, Johnny Temple, Ted Kluszewski, The Wright Bros. (Harry & George), Ernie Lombardi, Wally Post, Gus Bell, Fred Hutchinson, Heinie Groh, Joe Nuxhall, etc.* may pique my interest. I used to have numerous Pete Rose items but have subsequently liquidated most of them. I still maintain that he’s an all-time great but I cannot in good faith include his memorabilia in my collection due to his reprobate status. What bothers me the most about him is that he (as the Reds manager) had the arrogance to determine the outcome of games, including manipulating (and betting against his own team) the system for his own gain.

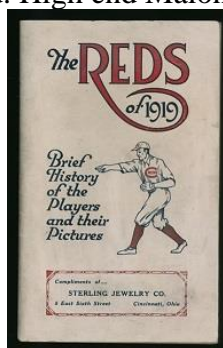
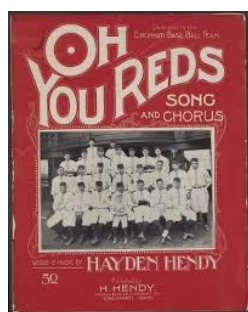
In retrospect, are there any regrets? Absolutely. Back in the 1990’s there was an auction (don’t remember the company) in *Sports Collectors Digest* that featured a circa 1902 Cincinnati Reds Change of Ownership Document: Multi-Page, Parchment-style paper, with several hard to find autographs including **John Brush, August Gary Hermann, John Heydler, etc.** This piece signified the transition of ownership from John Brush (The Donald Trump of his era) to August Gary Hermann and marked the beginning of a new era in Reds baseball. I can’t help but think that it was the only one in existence. For whatever reason I didn’t bid on it. I have no idea what it actually sold for. This was the pre-Internet era, so I have no clue as to who walked away with it. Big regret on my part. **Is there one single piece in my collection that stands head and shoulders above the rest?** No doubt about it. My **1919 Reds World Series Display Piece** is the cornerstone of my collection. It features various panels of the Reds in game action

against Joe Jackson and the Black Sox. There isn't any mention of an advertiser on the piece, nor does it appear to be issued from a Cincinnati area media source. I did some research and found out that a company called Taylor Publishing may have been the originator, although there is no mention of them anywhere. This museum quality item was obtained from **Ray Allen of Absecon, NJ**. He brought it up to my table at the old Ft. Washington show and said to me "**Jim, I thought you might be interested in this. Better grab it quick as Superior Sportscards (Tony Bussineau) has their eye on it.**" I realized the significance of it and we worked out a deal.

How about Stadia memorabilia? Yes, I have some stadia memorabilia in my collection. One of my most prized possessions is my **Palace of the Fans Seat Back Rib**. Most astute historians know that **POTF's** burned down in 1911 which set the stage for the fledgling Redland Field (later Crosley Field) to debut in 1912. My seat back rib has the look and feel of something that is very antiquated. In addition I also have a few programs from that particular era. My Crosley Field (not a figural) seat complements my POTF seat back rib very nicely. Interesting story about how I acquired my seat. Way back in c. 1992-93 I had the good fortune to acquire a 1921 World Series program. A fellow dealer (Bob Rothschild) had a beautiful Crosley Field seat and said he was interested in trading his seat for my 1921 World Series program and a few WS ticket stubs. To be honest, the deal almost never happened. As with all negotiable trades we just couldn't seem to hammer out all the fine details. Bob and I parted company that day not any closer to a deal than when we had first begun. About (2) days later, Bob called me and we both compromised somewhat. I drove to Bob's home and picked up my Crosley Field seat. Done deal.



Who is your favorite Reds player of all-time? Jim Maloney is my all-time favorite player. I don't have a lot of his memorabilia, simply because I haven't seen or been offered much of his stuff. Yes, I have (1) of his no-hitter programs, some autographed items, cards, etc. but **big ticket items** have not come my way. Years back at the old Ft. Washington show there was a **Maloney Game Used Jersey sighting** but the party of interest never came my way. There were a few other dealers (who knew I liked Maloney) working the floor on my behalf, searching for this person but nothing ever materialized. High end Maloney items remain elusive to me even today.



Do you have much in the way of 19th century Redstockings memorabilia? Yes, I have some items relating to the **First Nine**. I have some woodcuts and composites that highlight the '69 undefeated team. In addition, I have some Harry & George Wright books (no autographs) that are interesting. One of my favorite 19th century Reds items is an old tintype of the team (circa 1880's). The old stadiums that predated Palace of the Fans: *Lincoln Park Grounds, Avenue Grounds, Bank Street Grounds and League Park I/ League Park II* and their accompanying memorabilia are certainly things that I would love to own but are extremely scarce and not likely to show up anytime soon.

Do you collect Big Red Machine memorabilia? Yes, I have a lot of it in my collection. It's great stuff. The only drawback to it is that it's so plentiful. It really doesn't present much of a challenge simply because of the overabundance of it. As a result, I am currently not pursuing BRM items, unless it's something very unique that catches my eye.



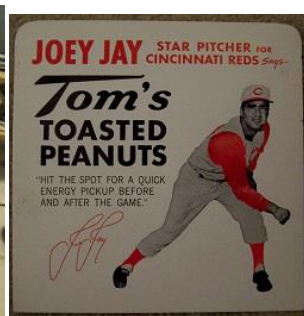
Are there any **must have items** that are currently not in your collection? I would like some actual stadium artifacts from Crosley Field like stadium signs, a turnstile, ticket booth fixtures, photos, etc. Hunt Auctions had some light stanchions in one of their auctions several years back. I didn't bid in that auction. Quite frankly, I don't think I have room for something like that but you never know. *How about regional items like **Kahn's Wieners & Burger Beer**?* Yes, I have the 1961 Kahn's Wieners World Series display paper (pictured above), some Kahn's Reds cards and a 1961 Kroger Dept. Store World Series program. I do have some Burger Beer cans that are 1960's vintage but not a whole lot more. I like paper items best. I'm not much for things like press pins or related jewelry. I've had some of those things before but they were either sold or traded away simply because they didn't fit into my collecting scheme. *Talk a little bit about your Red Reader Newsletter.* Back in the late 80's I decided to go the entrepreneurial route and do a newsletter on my favorite team. After many months of planning and piecing everything together, my very 1st issue debuted. It was (6) pages long and featured *Johnny Bench's Upcoming HOF Induction*, *A book review on: **My 34 Years with the Reds** by Earl Lawson*, *a Jim Maloney story on his rebuffed no-hit bid vs. the Mets in 1965 when Johnny Lewis hit an 11th inning HR at Crosley Field to beat the Reds despite his (Maloney) 18 K's*, *a short spread on pitcher Danny Jackson*, *a front cover introduction and a back cover classified section.* The RRN was advertised in Sports Collectors Digest, sold at shows and a few, visionary baseball card shop owners allowed me to sell my paper in their store. Despite all my hard work and dedication the RRN never really caught on. *Why was that?* It was a combination of things like being an outsider (I live in NJ – not in Ohio). I had several customers in Ohio but certainly not enough. Lack of funding was always an issue and the constant demand of promoting my paper proved to be my nemesis. I folded within a year. As I look back in retrospect, I now see where I made my mistakes (and there were plenty of them). I had a lot of fun, met some incredible Reds fans nationwide and will always remember The RRN days as time well spent.



Why the Cincinnati Reds? You Live in New Jersey which is prime NY Yankees & NY Mets territory. (Laughs!) Growing up everyone liked *Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Whitey Ford, Yogi Berra, etc.* I did too – for a while. I loved the Reds uniforms. The Mr. Red logo is – in my opinion – the best logo ever. Add players like: **Jim Maloney, Vada Pinson, Pete Rose** (yes, I used to like Rose), **Tony Perez, Johnny Bench, Frank Robinson, Jerry Lynch, Bob Purkey, etc.** to the equation and I was hooked. The unique features of old Crosley Field (the left field terrace, the Longines Clock on the scoreboard, the right field Sun Deck, the Laundry beyond the left field wall) all added to the mystique. I was a Reds fan for life. Unfortunately, I never made it to Crosley Field but I did see several games at Riverfront Stadium (Cingery Field) including an inaugural 1970 season game (Riverfront Stadium was only about (2) weeks old) vs. the Houston Astros.



What is the future of your collecting habit? I have no plans to stop collecting Reds memorabilia. I am more discriminating these days and buy less simply because I have so much and only want pieces that fill a niche. Also, space is a real issue. Then, just when I think that I've seen everything, something will pop up out of the blue that is too good to resist. That's the fun of it - not knowing what's out there. *Have you ever been to Reds Fest in Cincinnati?* No, I haven't. I understand that some incredible stuff shows up there. There's also a big show at *Moeller High School in Cincinnati*. I haven't been to this one either. I used to travel a lot but recently enjoy staying home more. Travel can be very taxing and I now do a lot of my business online. It's unfortunate that the shows are now an endangered species, like so many others, I really miss them (Ft. Washington, Pa., The National, etc.). I think the National will survive the *Pandemic, stock market meltdowns, buyer indifference, etc.* but I'm not as optimistic for most of the other shows. They had their hey-day when many enjoyed unprecedented success. Now many of those same dealers will have to adjust – or already have - to the fact that we are a *web-based, e-commerce society and it's only going to become more prevalent*. I have been working at home for many years now and love it. No plans to retire anytime soon.



Final thoughts I remember vividly how I became reintroduced to the sports memorabilia industry. The year was 1980 and I was making my rounds at the *Englishtown, NJ flea market*. I noticed a large group of people circled around one particular table. My first thoughts were, **"Wow, I wonder what all the excitement is?"** As I got closer I saw that this dealer had a table full of old baseball cards (mostly 60's & 70's on back). Most were just loosely thrown into cheese boxes; while others were neatly arranged in (9) pocket plastic sheets (yes, there were nine pocket plastic sheets in 1980). It immediately conjured up wonderful memories of my collecting days back in the 60's. I leafed through several boxes and pulled out several Reds players (Jim Maloney, Vada Pinson, Frank Robinson, Jerry Lynch, etc.) All told I had pulled out about (10) cards and plopped them down on the table. I asked the dealer, **"How much for these?"** The little, old man scratched his head and replied, **"Aw, I don't know, give me a dollar."** Ten cents a piece. It just took off from there. I attended my 1st show a few years later and became a dealer (myself) in 1987. It's been an incredible run.

FOR SALE ITEMS

1971 Pie Traynor (HOF – Pittsburgh Pirates) Night Official Program at Three Rivers Stadium

1971 Pie Traynor (HOF – Pittsburgh Pirates) Night Official Program at Three Rivers Stadium (Harold “Pie” Traynor was a highly regarded third baseman for the Bucs from 1920 through 1937. His .320 life-time BA average, 2416 hits, 1273 rbi’s and stellar play at the hot corner earned him a spot in the Hall of Fame (1948). Pie also managed the Bucs and later became a scout for them. This program is (4) pages. No outstanding flaws. Complete life-time stats inside. Great Pie Traynor piece. Ex condition) **\$ 14. 99 + \$ 3.99 S&H in the USA**

1962 Archie Moore (Light Heavyweight Champion of the World) Testimonial Banquet Program

1962 Archie Moore (Light Heavyweight Champion) Testimonial Banquet Program (Feb. 16, 1962 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Cal. (12) pages. Features a story on Moore’s rise to fame, congratulatory acknowledgement from California dignitaries and the opening of his AM Foods Company (There was an Archie Moore Homogenized Milk) which all makes for some good reading. Ex condition) **\$ 24.99 + \$ 3.99 S&H**

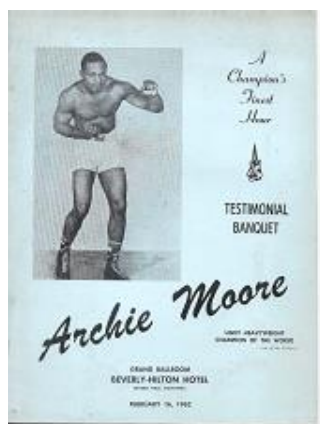
1922 NY Giants (NL) Official Program vs. Brooklyn Dodgers with a Loose Front Cover

1922 NY Giants (NL) Official Program with a Loose Front Cover (Full and complete. Scored neatly in pencil. There is a vertical center crease that runs from top to bottom in center. Some spine separation that goes upward from bottom to the middle. The front cover has come loose from contents of the program but is present and accounted for and there is a tear in middle of cover (from bottom in center that runs upward approx, ½ way). Lots of big name players in this program including: *Casey Stengel, Dave Bancroft, Frankie Frisch, Heinie Groh, Zack Wheat, Burleigh Grimes, Dazzy Vance.* Fair condition) **\$ 49. 99 + FREE S&H**

1943 World Series Ticket at Yankee Stadium

1943 World Series Ticket at Yankee Stadium (Game #3 Bleacher ticket stub. Shows generalized wear (some creases) but is overall nice. Game # 3 bleacher seat at Yankee stadium)

\$ 59.99 + FREE S&H



1962 Trenton Colonials (EBA – Pro Basketball) Official Game Program

1962 Trenton Colonials (EBA – Pro Basketball) Official Game Program vs. New Haven Elms (Dec. 12, 1965 at Trenton High School. Full and complete. There is spine separation that starts at the top and runs downward over ¾ of the way (with a little separation at very bottom) The cover(s) and inside contents are still connected. The center scoring page is partially scored and is loose from staples. There are autographs on the back cover but I believe them to be fake. Overall OK with wear)

\$ 19.99 + \$ 4.99 S&H

1936 Rose Bowl – Stanford vs SMU – Official Game Ticket Stub

1936 Rose Bowl – Stanford vs. SMU – Official Game ticket stub (Jan. 1, 1936 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Cal. Front is clean; the back has scrapbook residue. Historic game ticket)

\$ 19.99 + \$.99 cents S&H

1968 Topps Football Empty Wax Display Box

1968 Topps Football Empty Display Box (Nice looking box that is devoid of imperfections other than some light wear in spots. What makes this box so desirable is that it features a Super Bowl I scene with the Packers & the Chiefs. Other than some minor bowing on top with a small crease on the right side, this box would grade in the Excellent (Ex) range)

\$ 49.99 + \$ 7.99 S&H



1957 The Sporting News MLB All-Star Game at St. Louis Paper

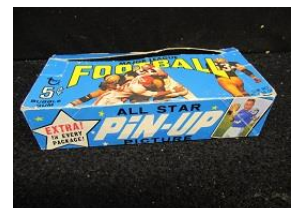
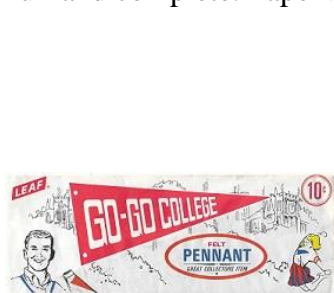
1957 The Sporting News MLB All-Star Game at St. Louis Paper (TSN had no peers when it came to big game coverage and this July 10, 1957 issue is no exception. Just about the whole paper is devoted to the Mid-Summer Classic at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Incomparable reporting. Sensational AS Game item. Paper shows light wear (rips and tears in spots) but is overall nice. Full and complete)

\$ 10.00 + \$ 3.99 S&H

1958 The Sporting News MLB All-Star Game at Baltimore Paper

1958 The Sporting News All-Star Game at Baltimore Paper (The penultimate Bible of Baseball. July 9, 1958. TSN goes all out to provide the finest in coverage of the 25th Anniversary of Arch Ward's Dream Game in Baltimore. Full and complete. Paper shows light wear (rips and tears in spots) but is overall nice.

\$ 10.00 + \$ 3.99 S&H



1931 Philadelphia Athletics (AL Champs – Pennant Winning Year) Official Scorecard

1931 Philadelphia A's – AL Champions – Official Scorecard vs. Detroit (Shibe Park scorecard vs. Detroit Tigers. Scored neatly in pencil. (4) page scorecard. Numerous HOF'ers in this game including: *Charley Gehringer, Lefty Grove, Mickey Cochrane, Jimmy Foxx, Al Simmons*. Light wear. Vg/Ex) **\$ 59.99 + \$ 4.49 S&H**

1960 LEAF GUM UNOPENED PACK CONTAINING ONE COLLEGE FELT PENNANT

1960 Leaf Gum Unopened Pack Containing One College Felt Pennant (Great unopened pack item. This was a 10 cent pack that contained (1) NCAA Felt Pennant. Pack is completely sealed and has not been tampered with. Pennant would measure approx. 9 1/2" wide) **\$ 14.99 + \$ 3.99 S&H**

1962 Roger Maris (Pressman Toys) Game Card

1962 Roger Maris (NY Yankees) Game Card Regular Size (This is a regular sized card of Roger Maris from a 1962 Game. This is not an issue from Topps, Fleer or any of the other recognizable, big name card distributors. Great shot of Maris at bat. Ex) **\$ 39.99 + FREE S&H**

1959 Topps Football Empty Wax Display Box

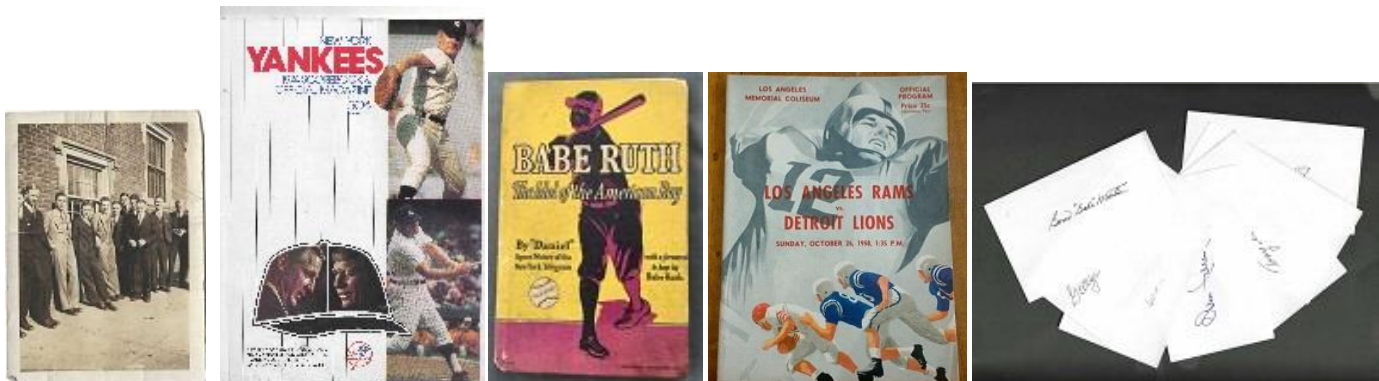
1959 Topps Football Empty Wax Display Box (5 cent version of this very desirable box. The top flap has come loose from the main body of box. On the right side: there is some paper loss. *No* moisture or mold issues. Inside of box is clean. Lesser condition box that still looks good) **\$ 79.99 + FREE S&H**

1958 LA Rams (NFL) Official Program

1958 LA Rams (NFL) vs. Detroit Lions Official Program (Rams vs. Lions at LA Memorial Coliseum. Light wear but overall nice. Full and complete) **\$ 19.99 + \$ 4.99 S&H**

1974 NY Yankees (Highlights Mantle & Ford HOF Inductions) vs. Red Sox Program

1974 NY Yankees Official Program that highlights *Mickey Mantle & Whitey Ford HOF Inductions* (Names written in but not scored. Vs. the Boston Red Sox. Mantle & Ford (recent photos) are pictured on the front cover. Full and complete. Ex) **\$ 4.99 + \$ 3.99 S&H**



1930 Babe Ruth Hardcover Book by Dan Daniel

1930 Babe Ruth hardcover book by *Dan Daniel* (Extraordinary treatise on the exploits of the inimitable *Sultan of Swat*. The author – a sportswriter, Dan Daniel, covered the career of The Babe closely and wrote extensively on his many adventures. There are numerous, hard to find rare photos of the Bambino along with well written prose that makes this a must read a hidden gem. Light wear) **\$ 19. 99 + \$ 4.99 S&H**

St. Louis Browns (AL) Autographed Index Cards 3" x 5"

Bob Dillinger – Played for the Browns: 1946 – 1949	3" x 5"	Clean autograph. Ex	\$ 3.99
Dee Sanders - Played for the Browns: 1945	3" x 5"	Clean autograph. Ex	3.99
George Binks - Played for the Browns: 1948	" "	Clean autograph. Ex	3. 99
Owen Friend - Played for the Browns: 1949 – 1950	" "	Clean autograph. Ex	3. 99
Tony Criscola – Played for the Browns: 1942 – 1943	" "	Clean autograph. Ex	3. 99
Babe Martin - Played for the Browns: 1944 - 1946	" "	Clean autograph. Ex	3. 99
Al Lamacchia - Played for the Browns: 1943, 1945-6	" "	With salutation. Clean	3. 99

1935 & C. 1950's Partial Original Movie Poster & Original Artwork Bill Stern Broadside

1935 & C. 1950's Partial Movie Poster & Original **Artwork** Bill Stern Broadside (This 1935 original, full color movie poster is from the *movie Metropolitan* and stars Virginia Bruce. ***It has been halved.*** The C. 1950's Bill Stern artwork broadside has paper loss on the lower right side. Both are done on vintage, period thin-grade cardboard. Both are fully original. We DO NOT sell reproductions. Both are lesser condition) **\$ 19.99 + \$ 4. 99 S&H**



1920's Pittsburgh Pirates Small Spring Training Photo In Street Clothes

1920's Pittsburgh Pirates Small Spring Training Photos with Players in Street Clothes (This most intriguing picture came out of a collection of Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training photos from the 1920's. ***All of the players are in street clothes. I believe Arky Vaughan is featured here.*** Size: approx. 2 ½" x 3 ½" Shows creasing and light tearing) **\$ 4. 99 + \$.99 S&H**

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