

# 'JAP' PAYNE, OUTFIELDER, DIES IN EAST

## Former American Giant Was Among Rube Foster's Greats

Andrew H. Payne, better known to the old-time Chicago baseball fans as "Jap" Payne, was buried in Mount Glenwood cemetery on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 27. They brought his body from New York where he had made his home since April, 1918, back to the city where he gained fame as a rightfielder for the Leland Giants who played at Seventy-ninth and Wentworth and later with Rube Foster's American Giants.



Jap Payne

Mr. Payne died Saturday, August 22, in New York City after an illness of 10 days. Funeral services were held Tuesday night at the Carolina chapel, 228 Lenox avenue. The body arrived in Chicago Wednesday afternoon. It was accompanied by the widow, Mrs. Carrie Thomas Payne of 20 St. Nicholas avenue; the son, Thomas N. Payne of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Payne's mother, Mrs. Howell Holmes, who divides her time with Mrs. Payne in New York and her other daughter, Mrs. Mary Horsley, 3151 Wabash avenue.

A short service was held Thursday afternoon at Kersey, Morsell and McGowan undertaking parlors. The Rev. Samuel Martin of St. Edmond's Episcopal church, officiated.

### Born In Washington

No one could write the history of Negro baseball and leave out Jap Payne's name. Besides being a crack outfielder, he was a good hitter. Jap Payne was born in Washington, D. C. After service with the old Philadelphia Giants, he came west and joined the Leland Giants. The day the Lelands defeated the Cuban Stars, 13 to 6, at Gunther park (run by the old candy firm on the north side) Mr. Payne was batting in the cleanup position behind Pete Hill who led off and Harris who was number two. In that game, Mr. Payne walloped out four safeties. That game remains in memory of those who saw it, for it was in that contest that the late Rube Foster broke his leg in the first inning when he slid into the plate scoring from second on the late Jess Wright's single. Wright was the son of the late "Mother" Seames of tennis fame.

Delving into the old score books, one finds Mr. Payne with the Philadelphia Giants against the Harrisburg, Pa., white club. On that team was Grant at second, Johnson, shortstop, Pete Hill, centerfield, Munroe at third, Moore on first, Payne in left, McClellan in right, Andrew Rube Foster as pitcher and Booker the catcher. Foster held the white team to one hit and one run. The Giants won 2 to 1.

Then there was that memorable game in which the Leland Giants took the Philadelphia Giants into camp, 3 to 2. The late Bruce Petway was behind the bat for the Philadelphia team. McClellan was still with them and the late Mr. Francis of American Giants fame, was on third for the Phillies. John Lloyd, now a school janitor in Atlantic City, was in short. Payne had come west and joined the Lincoln Giants and associated himself with Foster. So had Pete Hill, Booker and Moore. Winston was in left field for the Lelands. He now sings in a church choir. His last ball playing days were with Joe Green's Chicago Giants. Walter Ball was the pitcher for the Lelands that day.

### Retired In 1922

And one could go on and on. There were great games—games when the Lelands beat teams with ex-major league stars in the lineup.

After playing with the American Giants at Schorling's park at Thirty-ninth and Wentworth, the old home of the Chicago White Sox, Mr. Payne went east in 1914. He first played with the Lincoln Giants. In the spring of 1918 he joined the New York Central Red Caps and played up until 1922 when he retired on advice of his physician. For 24 years he made New York his home.

When one remembers the list to which the "Grim Reaper" adds a name or two each year—Foster, Petway, Francis, Santop, Mendez, Moore, Cooper and others—there must be a feeling that somewhere in the great beyond there is one whale of a ball club. And now Andrew Jap Payne joined that list Saturday and this week Tim Strothers who played with the Giants after Mr. Payne left here, also joins that immortal crowd.