

# Extraordinary 1890 Baseball Signed Docs for 1st Player Revolt Discovered and to be Auctioned by Memory Lane Inc.

*Leading sports collectibles dealer to auction rare, signed baseball documents that represent the very first player revolt for players' rights and free agency*

TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, December 1, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Memory Lane Inc., the leading dealer of sports collectibles, today announced the discovery and upcoming auction of historical 1890 baseball Players' League signed documents that represent the inaugural players revolt against team management for players' rights formed on Dec. 17, 1889. Including extremely rare signatures of Tim Keefe, Buck Ewing and John Montgomery Ward that have been authenticated by Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA), the world's largest third-party sports card authentication service, these documents are regarded as one of the most miraculous sports memorabilia discoveries experienced by the notable pastime and will be available for auction in separate lots starting Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 and will close Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

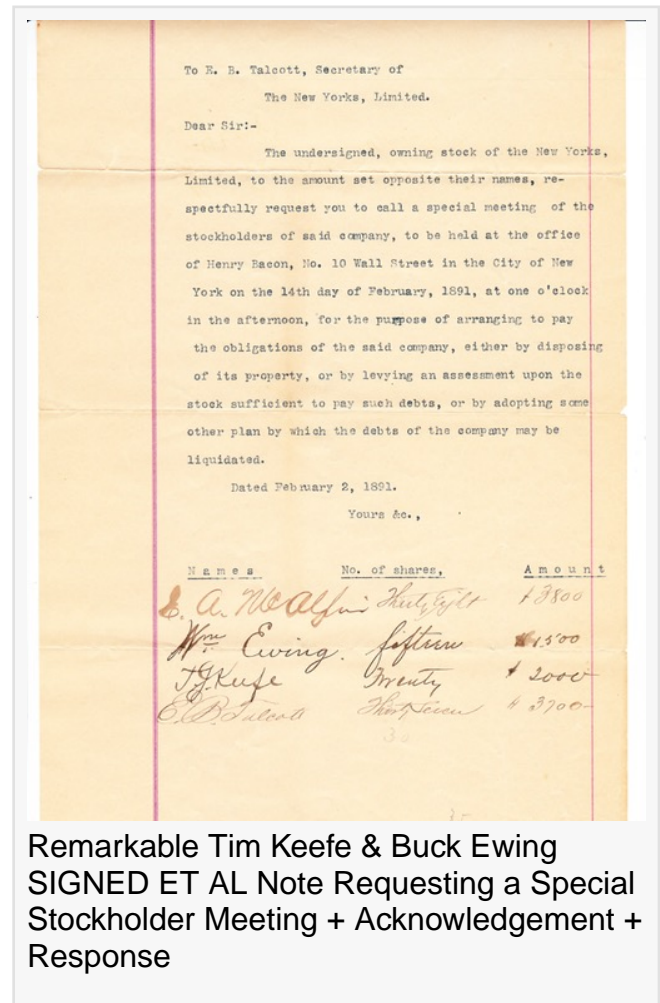
To view the Memory Lane auction starting Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, visit:

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Proudly dubbed "The Northeast Find," a significant number of unique documents relating to the by-gone 1890 Players' League were rescued decades ago from a desolate New York-based building storage room and were recently brought to Memory Lane's attention earlier this year by the team's esteemed consignor. The 1890 Players' League represented a significant moment in baseball history, preceding the Federal League and professional baseball players eventual challenge to the "reserve clause" that ultimately led to "free agency" and expulsion of the owners' once tightly secured grip on players' rights.

"Unquestionably, no memorabilia offering conjures up the excitement and fascination of newly unearthed artifacts," said JP Cohen, President of Memory Lane Inc. "Considering its one-of-a-kind stature, we are sure the vast array of documents presented as separate lots in this auction, will capture the hearts of a myriad of elite hobbyists."

Auction Highlights:



Remarkable Tim Keefe & Buck Ewing SIGNED ET AL Note Requesting a Special Stockholder Meeting + Acknowledgement + Response

Extremely rare signatures from noteworthy individuals in the design of the Player's League and Hall of Fame icons Tim Keefe, Buck Ewing and John Montgomery Ward  
An extraordinary, single-page document signed by both Tim Keefe and Buck Ewing  
Unique Player's League Articles of Agreement, Constitution and By-laws  
Signed agreements for several Players' League teams detailing salary-related bonds  
Signed documents detailing the sale of the Cincinnati National League franchise to the Player's League  
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"Collecting 19th century baseball autographs is one of the toughest endeavors in the entire hobby. Not only was the practice of acquiring them uncommon, but many of the autographs signed during the period were discarded over time," said Joe Orlando, CEO of Collectors Universe and President of PSA and PSA/DNA Authentication Services. "Opportunities to add the autograph of players like Buck Ewing, Tim Keefe and John Montgomery Ward do not come around often, but the combination of their scarcity coupled with the importance of these documents makes this opportunity even more enticing for the advanced hobbyist. Content can play a significant role in the appeal of an autograph, especially when it is related to the sport that made each signer famous. The fact that these elusive signatures are connected to such historical documents takes the intrigue to a whole new level."

After first seeing the signed documents of Keefe, Ward and Ewing, PSA/DNA Authentication Services' head autograph authenticator Kevin Keating perfectly summed up their incredible existence by stating, "Simply mind blowing!"

#### Dates & Availability

Collectors will have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to secure these highly-historical relics in a multiple auction lot sale starting Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 and ending Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

To visit the auction starting Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, visit: [www.memorylaneinc.com/site/lots/gallery](http://www.memorylaneinc.com/site/lots/gallery)

#### About Memory Lane Inc.

Founded in 2000, Memory Lane Inc. is the leading dealer of sports collectibles with over 120 combined years of sports collecting experience and knowledge. Memory Lane has sold more than \$100 million in collectibles since its inception and is an authorized dealer of Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA) and Sportscard Guaranty (SGC). For more information about Memory Lane, visit [www.memorylaneinc.com](http://www.memorylaneinc.com) or follow on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook.

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