

Join Us in Commemorating
Sol White

**A PIONEER OF
NEGRO BASEBALL**

The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society and the Ohio History Connection are commemorating the legacy of Sol White, a trailblazer in the history of baseball, with a new Ohio Historical Marker. Sol White was born in Bellaire, Ohio in 1868, and this marker will be dedicated by his hometown. Following the dedication a reception will be held at Bellaire High School cafeteria.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

1:00 PM

*Southeast Corner of Union Park
Bellaire, Ohio*



**GREAT STONE
VIADUCT**



King Solomon White was known locally as "Sol" when he joined the Bellaire Globes semi-professional baseball team in 1884 at 16 years of age. Sol's play with the Bellaire Globes and later the Wheeling baseball team gave him the opportunity to play on integrated teams prior to the color bar beginning in 1888. His fame was earned on numerous black baseball teams, including the Philadelphia Giants. He is credited with writing the first definitive history of the black baseball player in America with his pamphlet "Sol White's History of Colored Baseball."

The dedication will include guest appearances by:
Ann Ruege, Chief Development Officer
Ohio History Connection

Karen Lucas, of the Lucas Fund
Ohio History Connection

Leslie Heaphy, Baseball Historian
Kent State University

***Representative of
Pittsburgh Pirates Organization***

***Reunion of BHS First Baseball Team
and Coach James Martinek 1969-1970***

*Reception to follow dedication in
Bellaire High School cafeteria.*

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