

(Photograph): Women's Baseball Team. "Princess No. 252." Circa 1890

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Gelatin silver photograph. Image size 9½" x 7" on thick card. Corners of the mount a little bumped, else fine. A picture of eleven women in baseball uniforms: long skirts, blouses (each with a letter or number), and caps, posed in front of a grove of trees. One woman holds a baseball bat, two others wear primitive baseball gloves (another holds one in her hand). Each player but one has a letter or number on their blouse, which spell out "Princess No. 252" but are otherwise unidentified (therein lies a story, but we've been able to uncover it). Two of the women are older (one wears a badge, and is the only woman without a letter or number on her blouse) and are likely the manager and a coach; the other nine are younger and we assume are the players. The style of the gloves, caps, and outfits indicates that the date is likely in the mid-1890s. Early images of female baseball teams are very uncommon, especially in this larger scale. Detailed images follow. [\[BTC#437104\]](#)



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