



# Ferguson Has a History Museum

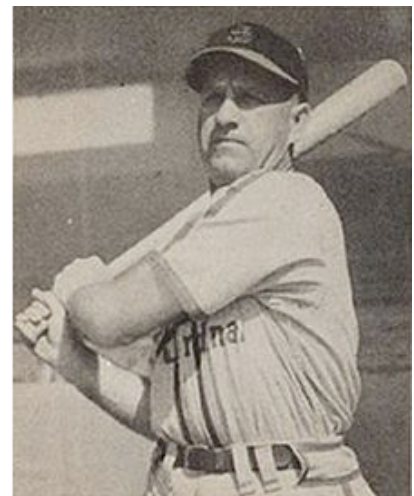
Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation and become a member.

Back, in the early days of these articles, we did an article on the **Ferguson Wall of Fame** (December 2021). The article was brief and lacked photographs so we have decided to do an update. The **Wall of Fame** is located between the Ferguson Firehouse and the Ferguson Police Department. The Wall was dedicated on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (at that time it was Caboose Park).

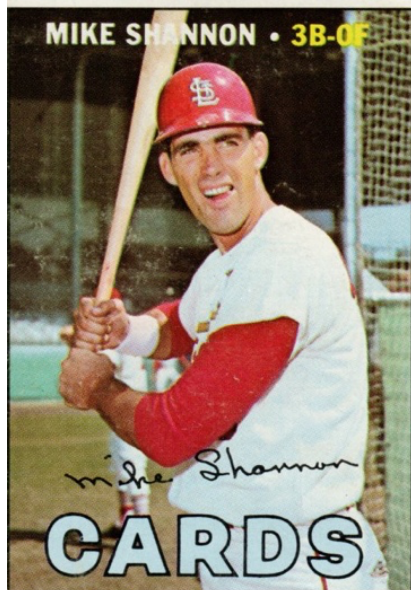


The image above shows the Firehouse side. At the bottom of the article is the Police side.

There are ten names on the Wall. Some were born or grew up in Ferguson, other may have lived part of their life here. Some are well known, others are lesser known, but still have importance in the story of America. Two of the best known are Cardinal Baseball greats: Enos Slaughter and Mike Shannon. Young readers may recognize Mike Shannon – you have to be older in know **Enos Slaughter** (1916-2002). Slaughter (Jersey #9 – retired) played for the Cardinals from 1938 to 1953 (minus three years in the Army Air Corps). He was a left-hand-hitting right fielder who was best remembered as scoring the winning run, in game 7 of the 1946 World Series for the Cardinals.



Slaughter played for 19 years beginning with the Cardinals. He also played for the Yankees, K.C. Athletics and the Milwaukee Braves. He was a 10-time All-Star player. Slaughter had a batting average of .300 creating 2,383 hits with 169 home runs and 1304 runs batted in. He was a wonderful player who is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame (1985). When he and his wife lived in Ferguson, they lived at 411 Nancy.



**Mike Shannon** (1939-2023) is better known to younger baseball fans as a broadcaster for the Cardinal Baseball Network (KMOX Radio in St. Louis). However, he is also known as a right-handed batter and third baseman/right fielder for the St. Louis Cardinals. His MLB debut was in 1962 and he remained with the Cardinals until 1970 – Shannon played his entire baseball career with the Cardinals. He was a player in the 1964, 1967 and 1968 Worlds Series, In addition to that, Shannon hit the last home run in Sportsman’s Park (1966) and hit the first home run in the (then new) Busch Stadium. His baseball career was cut short by a kidney disease in 1970.

Mike Shannon began his broadcasting career in 1972 with the Cardinals Radio Network and Radio Station KMOX (except in 2006 – KTRS Radio). He was teamed up with Hall of Fame Broadcaster, Jack Buck for almost three decades. Upon Bucks death (2002) Shannon became the lead broadcaster. Mike and Judy Shannon moved into Ferguson in 1962 and lived at 908 Deandell. The family attended Good Shepherd Church.

Now we move onto another sport and athlete, **Susan Notorangelo** (1953-Present). While not as well-known as Slaughter and Shannon, Susan Notorangelo is a world famous long-distance cyclist. Susan was born in Ferguson and lived on Stein Road. She is the first woman to bicycle across the United States in less than 10 days. Between 1982 and 1994, Notorangelo raced across America seven times and set five cycling records. In 1983 and again in 1986 she and her husband (Lon Haldeman) tandemly road the continent in 9 days, 20 hours. Her personal cycling record was set in 1989 – 9 days, 9 hours (317 miles per day).



We leave sports and move into the world of media. **Joanie Lum**

(1979-Present) is a well-respected television journalist and news personality currently on WFLD-TV, Fox Broadcasting, in Chicago. She grew up in Ferguson, attending Cool Valley Elementary, Ferguson Junior High and graduating from McCluer High School. She majored in journalism at MIZZOU and began her broadcasting career at KOMU-TV in Columbia. She moved to KFVS-TV in Cape Girardeau for 2 years then to WREX-TV in Rockford, Illinois. Like most broadcasters moving her way up to the major leagues – Chicago. She first went to

WGN-TV, then WBBM-TV and finally to WFLD-TV where she is currently a news anchor and general assignment reporter.

In this month's article we will not cover all 10 – but will end with a familiar bottle of barbecue sauce, Maulls. The St. Louis familiar sauce was the product of Louis Maull. Maull lived in Ferguson at 425 Wesley Avenue from 1903 until 1913. The Louis Maull company started in 1897 as a grocery business selling out of a horse-drawn wagon. In 1905 it became the Louis Maull Cheese and Fish company and sold wholesale to restaurants and grocery stores. In 1926 Louis created the barbecue sauce recipe. It became so popular that it became the sole focus of the company. The company quit filling orders in 2018 but the sauce has since returned to grocery shelves. Remember: “Don't baste your barbecue, You Gotta Maull it!”



In next month's article, we will reveal the names of the remaining five members of the Ferguson Wall of Fame. The tension is high, but you can relieve it by visiting the Wall – between the Firehouse and the Police Station.

**Membership in the Ferguson Historical Society is open to anyone –** membership levels range from \$20.00 to \$50.00 a year. If you are interested in joining or have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at [fjbenner@mindspring.com](mailto:fjbenner@mindspring.com). You are also welcome to visit the History Museum at 1064 Smith (behind the Community Center) by e-mailing the above address. Note: we will need to schedule a date for you, so ask well in advance

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