

Resource Number: PU3310  
Historic Name: PORTER, LAMAR ATHLETIC FIELD  
Alternate Historic Name:  
Located in a district: STIFFT STATION HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Address: 2700 W 7TH ST  
Listed or National Historic Landmark: Listed  
Date of National Register Listing: 12/6/1990  
Architect:  
Primary Style Influences: 18-Art Deco  
Secondary Style Influences:

“Lamar Porter was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Q.L. Porter of Little Rock, born Aug 17, 1913. He was educated in Little Rock’s public schools, attended Little Rock High School, and graduated from Sewanee Military Academy in Tennessee in 1931. Porter was a junior at Washington and Lee University in Virginia when he was killed May 12, 1934, in an automobile accident between Lexington and Staunton, Va.

“The land for the ball field, which is located what was then western Little Rock, was donated to the Little Rock Boys Club on the first anniversary of his death, which coincidentally fell on Mother’s Day. The donors were Porter’s mother, his aunt, Mrs. J.D. Jordan, and his brother Jim S. Porter.”  
From the nomination

It was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) beginning in the fall of 1934 and taking 18 months to build  
Paraphrased from the nomination.

Additional info:

For more information on **Brooks Robinson** that played at this field, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/brooks-calbert-robinson-jr-2520/>

For more information on **Bill Dickey** that played at this field, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/bill-dickey-645/>

For more information and photo of **Lamar Porter Athletic Field**, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/lamar-porter-athletic-field-8420/>

Read the **Sandwiching in History Tour** by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program for this property  
<http://www.arkansaspreservation.com/Learn-More/sandwiching-in-history-archives>