

## 1972 Gold Glove awarded to Topekan Ken Berry

This photograph features the Gold Glove awarded to Topekan Ken Berry for his defensive excellence as a center fielder for the 1972 California Angels. It was Berry's second Gold Glove, his first having been received in 1970 as a member of the Chicago White Sox. In 1972, Berry had an error-free season and led all American League outfielders in fielding percentage (1.000) and assists (13). He also was the league's co-leader in double plays turned by an outfielder (5). His adeptness in making difficult plays earned Berry the nickname "The Bandit," and he was especially known for spectacular catches at the wall which robbed many hitters of a home run. Ken Berry's major league career spanned 14 seasons, during which he played in 1,383 games for four teams, including the Chicago White Sox (1962-1970), California Angels (1971-73), Milwaukee Brewers (1974), and Cleveland Indians (1975). His career fielding percentage was .989. Offensively, Berry hit for a career average of .255, with his best year being 1972 when he batted .289. In 1967, he was named to the American League's All-Star Team. Following his major league career, Berry was the field manager for eight minor league teams; he also worked in several organizations as a minor league instructor and coach. Berry graduated from Washburn Rural High School in 1959, and attended Wichita State University. Digital images of Ken Berry's 1972 Gold Glove were created through a joint project sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Shawnee County Baseball Hall of Fame.

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