

Bert Hart of Westmoreland, Kansas

William Bert Hart of Westmoreland, Kansas is shown here in what is believed to be his baseball uniform while a member of the team from Green, Kansas. Bert Hart was a well-known semi-professional baseball player in northern Kansas during the 1910s and early 1920s. Both a pitcher and infielder, Hart played several seasons for Green during this time period. He also played for semi-pro teams in Clay Center and Beloit, as well as the Westmoreland town team. In 1920, with Hart as its regular shortstop and occasional pitcher, the Beloit Leaguers salaried team claimed the "independent state championship of Kansas." Hart spent most of his work career employed at the post office in Westmoreland; he and his wife Margaret also operated a hotel and restaurant there for several years during the 1940s.

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