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Baseball team from Green, Kansas

The 1916 Green, Kansas baseball team is shown in this photo, which is a trimmed portion of a postcard. Partial identities of the players are inscribed on the photo, but the only one whose full identity is known is William Bert Hart, of Westmoreland. Hart is seated in the front, second from the right. 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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