

JOHN ELIAS BASS

1850-1888

Block 26 Lot 53

John Elias Bass, the youngest son of the Reverend Job G. Bass, was an early pioneer in American Base Ball (originally it was two words). He played shortstop for the Cleveland Forest Citys in the inaugural season of the major league's National Association in 1871. With Cleveland, he played 22 games and batted .303 and led them in triples and tied for the most home runs.

The following year he played for the Brooklyn Atlantics and in 1877, his final season, he played for the Hartford Dark Blues. After his baseball career, John Bass worked as a stockbroker until contracting tuberculosis. Mr. Bass as many, came to Denver in hopes of recovering from the disease. However, died from his tuberculosis on September 24, 1888 at 4 P.M. only five weeks after arriving in Denver, Colorado.

His obituary stated he was under the care of the officers of the YMCA of Denver and they carried out his father's wishes to have buried in Denver which it stated he was "buried amongst strangers". John E. Bass was also a veteran of the Civil War as a non-commissioned officer in Company F in the First New York Lincoln Calvary.

On September 18, 2004 John Bass's grave was no longer unmarked as a grey upright monument was erected biographing his life.

