Today in Georgia History
October 30, 1897
Von Gammon

Suggested Readings

Macon Telegraph Oct. 31, 1897 - reporting on Von Gammon's accident

Macon Telegraph Nov. 2, 1897 - reporting an speculation that football may be abolished in Georgia

Red and Black Jan. 26, 1951 - article about Mrs. Gammon

Red and Black Oct. 30, 1997 - article one hundred years after the game in which Von Gammon died, includes a photograph of the plaque


“A Letter from Gammons Mother”
Article courtesy of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, November 5, 1897, page 5

“Away with Brutal Football”
Article courtesy of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, November 1, 1897, page 2

Butts Mehre plaque
Courtesy of UGA Sports Communications

“From Gridiron to the Grave”
Article courtesy of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, October 31, 1897, page 7

Gammon Award to UVA by Randy Miller
Courtesy of UGA Sports Communications
No More Football Games

A Proclamation by Rosalind Burns Gammon Day

Richard von Gammon

Rome High School football team, von Gammon holding the football, 1895

“Death Knell of Football”
“University Acts on Tragedy”

Article courtesy of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, November 2, 1897, page 3

William Yates Atkinson, 1894

Courtesy of Georgia Archives, Georgia Capitol Museum, 1992-23-0046