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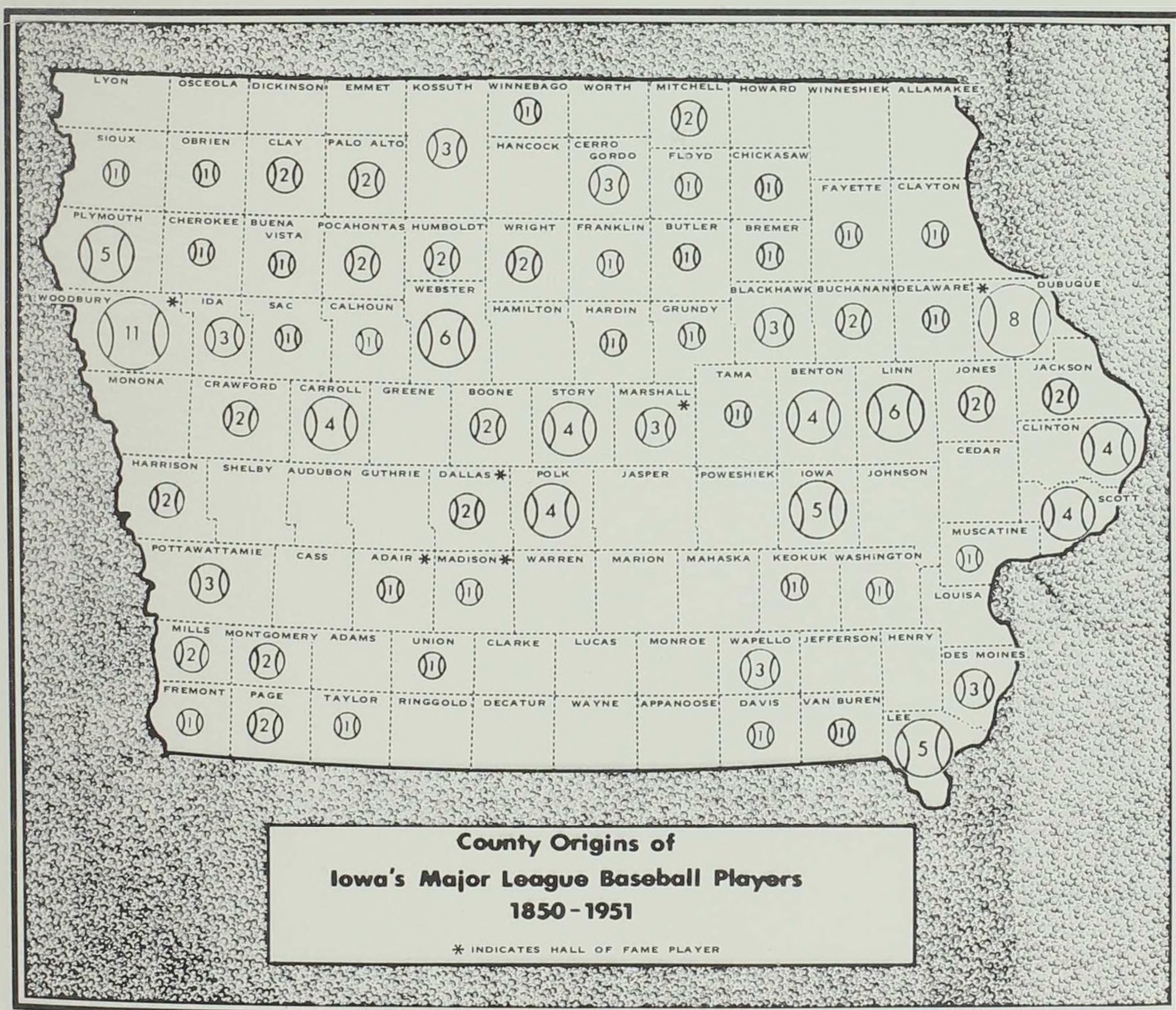
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**County Origins of
Iowa's Major League Baseball Players
1850-1951**

* INDICATES HALL OF FAME PLAYER

Map prepared by Mary Patricia "Molly" Smith

As the baseball season nears an end and World Series time approaches, the *Palimpsest* offers its readers a map indicating the Iowa counties in which major league baseball players have been born. Riverine counties, counties in which minor league teams played, and the tier of counties running eastward from Woodbury to Dubuque have all had their share of major league ballplayers. But how does one explain all those south-central counties with no major leaguers' birthplaces?

Six Iowans have earned a place in baseball's Hall of Fame. Their birthplaces are as follows:

- Adrian "Cap" Anson, Marshalltown, Marshall County
- Frederick Clarke, Winterset, Madison County
- David "Beauty" Bancroft, Sioux City, Woodbury County
- Urban "Red" Faber, Cascade, Dubuque County
- Arthur "Dazzy" Vance, Orient, Adair County
- Robert "Bob" Feller, Van Meter, Dallas County

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