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Did you know that the first ever NFL game happened here in Dayton?

Our story begins just next door to Woodland at St. Mary's College (today, the University of Dayton). Carl Storck played football while attending school at St. Mary's, and was known for his talent on the field.

After graduation, he began working for NCR, but did not want to give up the game. He and other St. Mary's players came together to form a new team they called the Dayton Cadets. Storck became team manager in 1918, and led the team in an undefeated season.



Above: Dayton Triangles team photo, 1920. Carl Storck is circled in red.



When Delco and Dayton Metal decided to create a recreational team for their employees, Storck and the Cadets joined forces with them. Players from the factories were chosen to complete the team roster, and the new team was christened the Triangles. When a wedge-shaped piece of land was purchased for playing space, the name stuck, and it became Triangle Park.

In late summer of 1920, representatives from the Dayton Triangles, Canton Bulldogs, Massillon Tigers, Akron Pros, Rock Island Independents, and many more football teams met to "raise the standard of professional football in every way possible."

Left: The Dayton Triangles were so named due to the "triangle" of 3 major downtown factories (and team sponsors): Delco, Delco Light, & Dayton Metal Products.

Carl Storck was one of the first men in America to imagine the possibilities of a professional football league.

He was indispensable to the early formation of the NFL, and would devote more than twenty years to the league, working to make a dream into reality.

Carl's long years of work may have contributed to what his doctors called "neurasthenia". The disorder caused him difficulties with movement, even times of paralysis. Doctors today might say Carl suffered from a problem with his autonomic nervous system.



In 1921, Storck was appointed secretary-treasurer of the NFL, a position he held until 1939. When league president Joe Carr died, Carl Storck took up the job.

Storck's presidency would be short lived; in 1941 Carl resigned, citing health concerns. He died in 1950, and his wife is buried beside him in section 120, lot 146 at Woodland Cemetery.



Above photo: Carl Storck, published by the *Dayton Daily News*, 12/29/1940

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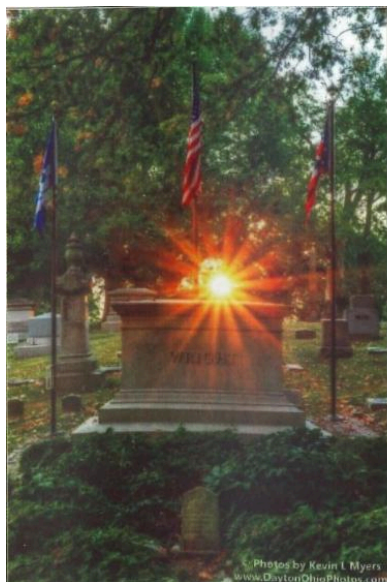
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