

[America's - and the world's - oldest ballpark](#) officially turned 100 years old on Wednesday afternoon and [The Friends of Rickwood Field](#) organized a celebration befitting the occasion.

Unfortunately the weather didn't exactly want to cooperate to allow a three-inning exhibition game to be played.

Hundreds still gathered under the grandstand attempting to stay dry while they heard words from [Birmingham mayor William Bell's chief of staff Chuck Faush](#) and [A.H. "Rick" Woodward III, grandson of the park's builder](#), among others. [A new sign from the state tourism office was unveiled](#), joining the historical marker already located in front of the ballpark's main entrance. The video up above is of former [Birmingham Barons](#) owner Art Clarkson reading a letter from the team's current parent club, the [Chicago White Sox](#).

Incidentally, the demolition of the Sox's former home, [Comiskey Park](#), back in 1991, led to Rickwood's current designation.