



## **BABE RUTH HISTORIC SITES IN AND AROUND BALTIMORE** – Compiled by David B. Stinson

### **Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum (BRBM)** - 216 Emory St, Baltimore, MD 21230

House where George Herman Ruth, Jr., was born. The museum is located in four adjoining row homes, the second of four being the row house owned by Babe's maternal grandparents, Pius and Johanna Schamberger, where, in a bedroom on the second-floor, Babe Ruth was born on February 6, 1895.

### **Ruth Family Home** - 2819 Frederick Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223

House owned by Babe's paternal grandfather, John Anton Ruth, where Babe lived with his parents, George Herman Ruth, Sr., and Catherine "Katie" Schamberger, until he was two years old. The house is now the Empress Palace Banquet Hall (2.5 miles west of BRBM).

### **Ruth Family Home/Baltimore Lightning Rod Works** - 339 South Woodyear Street, Baltimore, MD 21223

House where Babe lived from ages two to six. John Ruth, Babe's uncle, lived with his family in the adjoining house at 341 South Woodyear Street. Ruth's father owned, with his brother John, the Baltimore Lightning Rod Works, which they ran out of the garage located in the back of their adjacent properties. The garage still stands on the site, fronted by South Carey Street (1.2 miles west of BRBM).

### **Ruth Family Home/Bar** - 426 West Camden Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Row house and bar where Babe's father, mother, and sister, Mamie, lived from 1901 until 1903 (and Babe briefly). The house was located at the intersection of Paca Street and West Camden, across the street from Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel now stands at the site. According to [baberruth100.blogspot.com](http://baberruth100.blogspot.com), Baltimore City directories list Babe's father as living at 712 South Hanover Street in 1904 and 527 East Clement Street in 1905.

### **Ruth Family Home/Saloon** - 406 West Conway Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Row house and saloon where Babe's father and sister lived from 1905 to 1912, and mother until 1906. The building was located in what is now left/center field of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Inside the ballpark, near the Budweiser Patio, is a plaque erected by the "Old Timer's Baseball Association of Maryland," honoring Babe.

### **George Ruth, Sr., Home** - 552 West Conway Street, Baltimore, MD 21230

Row house where Babe's father and sister lived from 1913 to 1915, and where Babe lived in 1914, after he left St. Mary's and signed with the International League Baltimore Orioles. The building was located on what is now Russell Street (Russell Street runs through the former site), just southwest of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. A one-block section of West Conway Street remains, with a street sign marking its intersection with Russell Street, near the front entrance to the ballpark at Schaefer Circle.

### **St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys** - 3225 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore (Halethorpe), MD 21229

At the behest of his father, from 1902 to 1914, Babe lived at St. Mary's. The field where Babe learned to play baseball remains at the site, now converted from grass to artificial turf. Adjacent to the field is the Industrial Arts Building, one of only two structures remaining at the site from Babe's time there. In that building, the Xaverian Brothers who ran St. Mary's taught Babe how to make shirt collars. St. Mary's closed in 1950, and, in 1962, the Archdiocese of Baltimore opened Cardinal Gibbons School on the site, which closed in 2010. The site is now owned by St. Agnes Hospital (3 miles southwest of BRBM).

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**St. James Home for Boys** - 301 N. High Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Babe lived in this halfway house for just a few weeks in 1913, before being told to return to St. Mary's. The building is now MCVET – The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, a nonprofit organization (1.5 miles northeast of BRBM).

**Lena Fell Home** - 712 Portland Street, Baltimore, MD 21230

Where Babe's mother lived with her sister, Lena Fell, at some point after divorcing Babe's father in 1906, until her death on August 12, 1912 (.2 miles west of BRBM).

**Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery** - 4430 Belair Rd. Baltimore, MD 21206 (Section G-2, Lot 126)

Final resting place of Babe's mother (5.5 miles northeast of BRBM).

**St. Paul Catholic Church** - 3755 St. Paul St., Ellicott City, MD 21043

Where Babe married Helen Woodford on October 14, 1914 (13 miles west of BRBM).

**Ruth's Café** - 38 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

House and bar Babe purchased for his father in 1915, using his World Series earnings. Babe and his wife also lived here during the following winter. On August 24, 1918, Babe's father died outside the bar from injuries he sustained during an altercation with his brother-in-law. The building currently houses *The Goddess*, a self-proclaimed "Gentlemen's Club," and is located three blocks north of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The only known photograph of Babe and his father was taken at Ruth's Café.

**Oriole Park IV, also known as American League Park** - 2840 Greenmount Ave, Baltimore, MD 21218

Home of the American League Baltimore Orioles from 1901 to 1902, and the Eastern League and the International League Orioles from 1903 to 1915, where Babe played in 1914, during his one-half season with the Orioles. A McDonald's Restaurant and row houses now mark the site (3.4 miles north of BRBM).

**Oriole Park V, also known as Terrapin Park** - 400 E 29th St, Baltimore, MD 21218

Home of Federal League Baltimore Terrapins from 1914 to 1915, and International League Orioles from 1916 to 1944. Babe played a dozen exhibition games here from 1916 to 1930, including two on consecutive days in 1919, hitting four home runs in the first game two in the second. Peabody Heights Brewery, The Barclay School, and a Salvation Army store, now mark the site (3.5 miles north of BRBM).

**Loudon Park Cemetery** - 3620 Wilkens Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229 (section T, far northeast corner, Lot 5)

Final resting place of Babe's father, and four of his children who preceded him in death (Babe's siblings) (4.6 miles west of BRBM).

### **Historic Marker/Statue**

An historic marker honoring Babe is located outside Oriole Park at Camden Yards, on Eislen Street, near Camden Street. A statue, *Babe's Dream*, by sculptor Susan Luery, is located outside Gate H.

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