

#2H 1940s David Chadwick - Harkers Island-Straits Baseball Team in the Tidewater League

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David Chadwick was born Jan 21, 1925. He grew up in Straits about 100 yards behind his present home today. His parents were Ira Pigott and Lillie Davis Chadwick. His parents had three boys, Claude, Walter and David and two daughters Evelyn and Virgie.

David served in the Army in France and Germany in 1946-1948. He was hospitalized in Germany and moved to England. David said, "I didn't know the Army had trucks until the last few months when I began working in the motor pool." He said, "All I did was walk through France and Germany wearing out shoe leather."

In 1953, David married Mamie Springler from Beaufort and they had a daughter Lillie.

David played for the Tidewater Harkers Island-Straits team in the Tidewater League in the 1940s, and he was selected as an All-Star along with Moe Willis, David Yeomans and Lee Hawkins.

David got started in playing baseball with the "Big Boys" when he attended as a spectator a game when he was twelve years old. Because of number of errors being made at second base, David was pulled out of the stands to play with the Straits team around 1937. He had to borrow a glove from the opposing team (Beaufort) and when he did so well the next inning they would let him have a glove again.

David still talks about baseball and his fellow players with such great affection that he makes you feel like it was just yesterday that he was enjoying his field of dreams.