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On October 23, 1885, the Blue and Brown (original colors of the University of Cincinnati) played its first football game with a Mount Auburn aggregation on a field in Avondale. The game resulted in a 0-0 tie. Arch I. Carson, '87, '89, was the captain of that first Cincinnati eleven. It was he who organized the team upon the suggestion of David Graham Phillips, the year before, and it was he who sent away to a big commercial house in the east for the first football, because there were none in the city of Cincinnati at that time.

It was not until the season after the organization of the team that the Cincinnati squad played. These first few teams were epic! They bought their own uniforms, supplied their own footballs and paid their own expenses—a far cry indeed from the great athletic system of today. Cincinnati played two games that first year and emerged undefeated.

It was not until 1895 that the necessity for a college owned field was appreciated. It was here that Arch I. Carson proposed a resolution before the Board of Directors that they permit the construction of an athletic field within the grant to the University of Cincinnati at Burnet Woods, without expense to the Board of Directors.

It was 29 years ago that a field for the University of Cincinnati was proposed, 24 years ago that these plans materialized, and 14 years ago, on October 1, 1910, that the Athletic field was named for the man who contributed in no small measure not only to its realization but to many of the realizations of Cincinnati athletic plans for many years.