

Archie Hahn – Dodgeville's Olympic Champion



Mr. Hahn won three gold medals in the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis. He was the 60 yard-dash and the 100 meter and 200 meter runs. He went on to great fame as an expert in the sport of track and field and coached at a number of colleges and schools.

A short video is linked below. The Wikipedia entry on Mr. Hahn is also linked below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlpGk4VxFZY>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie_Hahn

Archie Hahn was a coach at the University of Virginia, where he led the Cavaliers' track team to 12 state championships in 13 years

After a successful athletic career, Hahn coached at Princeton University before moving to Virginia, where he also coached football. His coaching tenure at UVA was during the period between 1910 and 1923.

- **Role:** Track and football coach.
- **Achievements:** Led the Virginia track team to 12 state championships in 13 years.
- **Coaching career:** Preceded by coaching at Princeton University.
- **Timeline:** Coached at UVA between 1910 and 1923.

A Salute To Archie Hahn, One Of Wisconsin's First Sprinting Superstars

Vintage Wisconsin: Small But Speedy Runner Blazed To Olympic Glory

By [Erika Janik](#)

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One of the world's top sprinters in the early 20th century, the "Milwaukee Meteor" Archie Hahn, blazed to glory during the 100-meter dash at the 1906 Olympic Games* on April 27, 1906.

Hahn was born in Dodgeville on Sept. 14, 1880. [He came to running late](#), at least compared to today's sprinters. In high school, he took part in boxing, track, and football, but he didn't seriously take up competitive running until he was 19 and a student at the University of Michigan.

Recruiters had lured him to Michigan after seeing him run at a county fair. He was small and thin for a runner, but had powerful legs and a quick start.

Hahn, who was said to train on frozen Wisconsin lakes, set his first record in 1903 for the 220-yard dash, which stood for 20 years. He racked up championships in the 100- and 200-yard dashes at competitions around the country. And at the [1904 Olympic Games](#) in St. Louis, Hahn, representing the Milwaukee Athletic Club, won three golds in the 60, 100, and 200 meter races. He repeated his 100-meter victory at the 1906 games in Athens, a feat not accomplished again until Carl Lewis did it in 1988. [Asked about his experience](#) at the 1906 Games, Hahn said, "We had a good time."

Hahn retired from active competition after the games. He received a law degree from the University of Michigan but never practiced law. He instead became a track coach (and sometimes boxing coach, too) at various colleges around the country. He also wrote a book called ["How to Sprint"](#) that became a running classic and one of the first books on sprinting.

*1906 was an off year for the games, and some purists insist that the 1906 Olympic Games don't count as a real Olympics because it was held outside of the four-year cycle to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the modern games.

<https://www.wpr.org/history/salute-archie-hahn-one-wisconsins-first-sprinting-superstars>

One of the world's top sprinters at the beginning of the 20th century, Archie Hahn was the first runner to win the Olympic 100m-200m sprint double. He took these titles, as well as the later-discontinued 60m dash, at the 1904 Olympic Games in St. Louis. In the 200 meters, Hahn got an edge when all three of his competitors were penalized two yards for committing a false start. Taking advantage of their errors, Hahn won by a commanding three yards. He also won the gold medal in the 100 meters at the 1906 Athens Olympics. Known as the "Milwaukee Meteor," Hahn tied the world record of 9.8 seconds in the 100-yard dash in 1901 and set a world record of 21.6 seconds for the 200m straightaway in 1904. He won the U.S. 100-yard and 220-yard titles in 1903 and took another National AAU 220 title in 1905. Hahn attended the University of Michigan from 1903 to 1905 and received a law degree from the same university. However, he never practiced law. Instead, he coached at Princeton University and the University of Virginia and wrote a book, *How to Sprint*, which is considered a track classic.

Records Held

World Record: 100 yd. - 9.80

World Record: 200 m - 21.60 (August 31, 1904 -)

Championships

1904 Olympics: 60 m (1st)

1904 Olympics: 100 m - 11.00 (1st)

1904 Olympics: 200 m - 21.60 (1st)

1906 Olympics: 100 m (1st)

1903 AAU: 100 yd. (1st)

1903 AAU: 220 yd. (1st)

1905 AAU: 220 yd. (1st)

Occupations

Coach

Author

<https://www.usatf.org/athlete-bios/archie-hahn>

From: Terry Tredinnick

Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:33 AM

To: Barry Hottmann <mayor@dodgevillewi.gov>

Subject: Proposed bronze statue of Archie Hahn

My great uncle was born in Dodgeville, WI. He won 4 gold metal as sprinter in the Olympics in 1904 and 1906. I am at the beginning discussion and possibilities on location for this statue on Dodgeville City of County grounds. Open for suggestions.

Archie Hahn's sister was Pearl Hahn (She married John R Fitzsimons). My mother was Dorothy (Fitzsimons) Tredinnick. All of their children were born here in Iowa County. My mother's siblings were Harold, Russell, Robert, Willard and Homer. Over 30 of their children were born in Iowa County. Lot of great nieces and nephews.

I hope that is can be discussed in a future meeting.

Thanks.

Terry Tredinnick

Hi Terry,

It was great speaking with you about honoring your great uncle with a statue in Dodgeville. This is a meaningful idea, and we would be privileged to help you bring it to life.

As you mentioned, your next step is speaking with the city to gauge their interest. Once you know if they'd like to move forward, I can prepare a formal proposal. That would include design details, a rendering of the statue concept, and options for a bronze plaque to accompany the piece.

Every statue we create is hand cast in bronze using the lost-wax method, finished with a patina and wax to ensure permanence and quality that lasts for generations. Lead time for a project like this is generally 10–14 months from the time we begin.

I look forward to hearing from you after your discussions with the city and will be ready to put together the proposal whenever you are.

Best regards,

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