

## Module 08: Jackie Robinson, Civil Rights Leader?

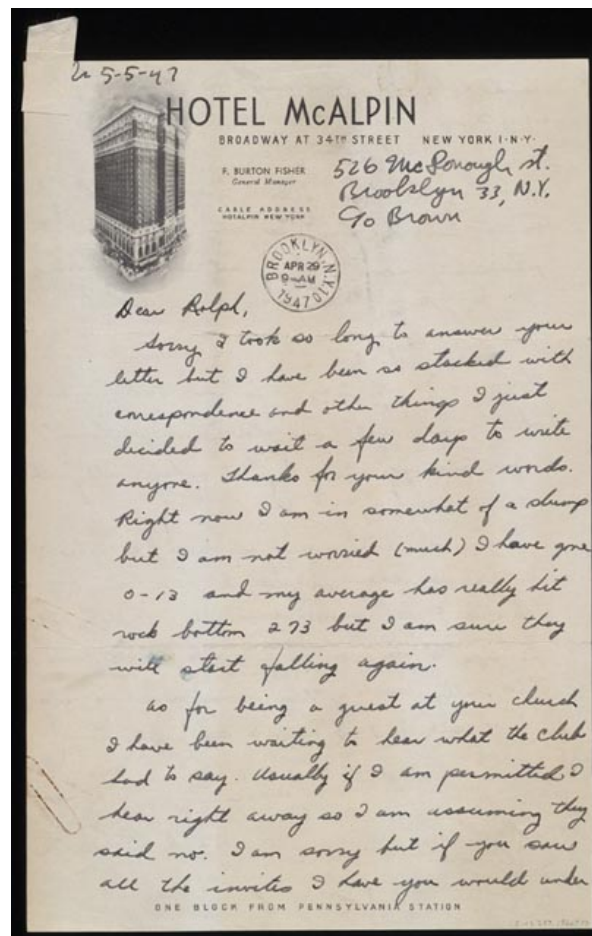
### Evidence 10: Letter From Jackie Robinson to Ralph Norton

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#### Introduction

In this letter to Ralph Norton, a fellow alumnus of Pasadena Junior College, Robinson reports on his historic debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, the appointment of Burt Shotton as the Dodgers' Manager, and the welfare of his wife and infant son.

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stand why the club says no to most  
everything that comes into the office. I  
don't know about my time there as I am  
spending the days with a good friend of  
mine in St. Louis. I am sure he is  
planning some things but I have asked  
him not to.

Well Ralph outside of baseball every-  
thing is O.K. My wife and baby are  
fine and we now have an apartment  
even though we have to share it with  
the owner.

Our new manager is really a contrast  
to Les Durocher. He doesn't have much to  
say but he knows baseball. Well Ralph  
I hope to see you for a while in St. Louis.  
It's pretty tough getting away from the mobs  
at the park but I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Jack Robinson