



Pequot football team and mascot, October 7, 1905.

Frederick Theodore Wagner was a Pittsburgh photographer who often captured his relatives, children, neighbors, and friends. Born to August and Elizabeth Wagner, emigrants from Germany, Wagner worked for the railroads and became a photographer in the early 1900s. Here, Wagner photographed the Pequot football team of the North Side along with their canine mascot.

Football was particularly dangerous and violent. In 1905 alone, at least 18 people died and more than 150 were injured playing the sport. On October 9, 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt met with college officials in an attempt to curb unsportsmanlike conduct in football and set in motion many reforms to make the game safer. By 1906, however, the Pequot team had disbanded.

*#Pixburgh* opens December 17, 2016.