## Jacob Bauer

Here's what I have found about Jacob Bauer (1903-1915).

The record in Baseball-Reference appears to be correct, in that he played for those teams during those seasons. He was from Ottumwa, Iowa, although he moved around more during the off-season. At one point he owned a ranch in Idaho. He was left-handed, or at least batted left-handed. He owned an "ivory parlor" in Ottumwa at one point.

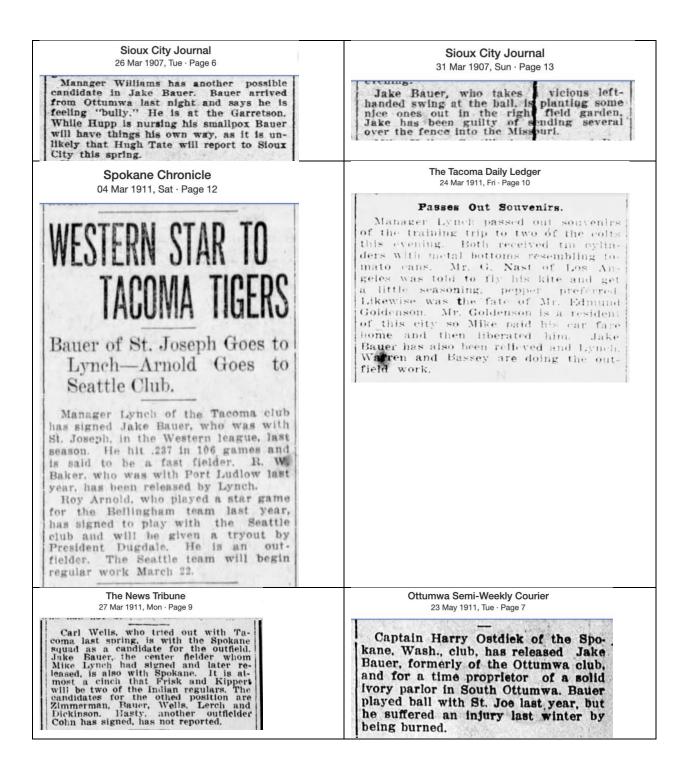
As to who he was, there is a Jacob Francis Bauer from Ottumwa, Iowa, born on Feb 4, 1874 (from his WWI Draft registration) to John and Anna Bauer. In the 1870 Census, he is identified as four years old, while in the 1900 Census, he was a clerk, age 26, living with his parents. I think he owned a candy store in the early 1900s, as there were ads for "Red Hawk Chocolates" in the Ottumwa newspaper (exactly 100 hits in Newspapers.com from 1903 through February 1906); the store was owned by J.F. Bauer.

After about 1900, Jacob Bauer appears just a few times in the Ottumwa papers (those I could find online, that is). Two are in reference to his parents – a wedding anniversary and the obituary for his father in May 1906. The third is an announcement of the death of Mrs. Jacob Bauer, in Valley, WA in 1917. The paper noted that her husband was well known in Ottumwa, and that she was from Fort Madison, Iowa. A marriage license from Washington state shows that Jacob Bauer (sone of John and Anna) married Paul Conradt on April 25, 1913 in Tacoma, WA; Paula was from Fort Madison.

What happened to Jacob? On July 12, 1926, the Idaho Evening Times told a story of a Spokane man, J.F. Bauer, who was found in the wrong hotel room in Twin Falls, Idaho. He complained of being sick, and the next morning was taken to the hospital, where he subsequently died. The cause of the death was ruled as alcohol poisoning from moonshine. He was a salesman for the Burlington Basket Company, and a member of the Knights of Columbus of Valley, WA. He had a card with contact information for his sister in Ottumwa, Iowa, to whom the body was sent.

The death certificate has nothing specific about him, beyond the name (J.F. Bauer) and date of death (July 11, 1926). On FindAGrave, he is identified as Joseph F. Bauer, but his brother Joseph died in 1940. The dates (1874 – 1926) match Jacob, not Joseph (b. 1863). It seems reasonable to accept that Jacob Francis Bauer, of Ottumwa, was born Feb 4. 1874 and died July 11, 1926.

However, my cinundrum is: I still have not convinced myself definitively that Jacob (Jake) Bauer, the ball player from Ottumwa, Iowa, was in fact Jacob Francis Bauer, who seems to have owned a candy store as his baseball career started, and who has no record playing baseball prior to 1903 at age 29? I need that connection to be stronger.



<b>The Idaho Statesman</b> 05 May 1911, Fri · Page 6		<b>The Independent-Record</b> 09 Aug 1914, Sun · Page 5
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the league. But for the work of three pitchers it is figured that the Mack- men would be down on the ladder, as Manager McCloskey has kept the re- maining members of the club on edge through the work of the twirling staff. According to reports yesterday Jake Bauer and George Duddy will leave shortly for Hayden, Ariz, a little min- ing town cut of Phoenix. If Hayden is an isolated place it is just the town for Bauer, although the writer doubts his ability to make good there. Duddy, of course, is a considerably better man and will doubtless be signed by a bet- ter club, the last third baseman being of a much higher rating as baseball players go than the club-footed center- tielder.	8 VID 1234567 1	



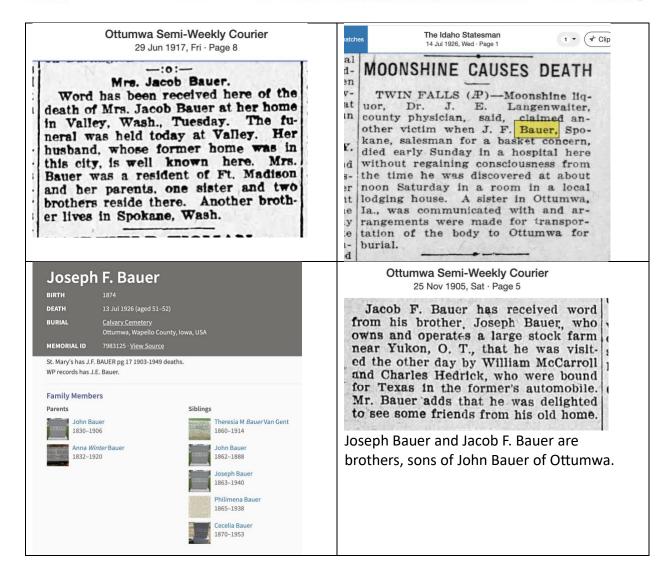
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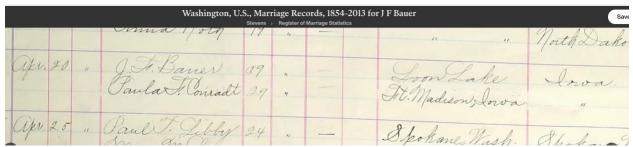


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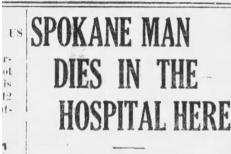
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1900 Census Record: Jacob age 26, shipping clerk



Marriage on April 25, 1913 in Tacoma, WA. Parents John Bauer and Anna Winter. Wife's parents George Conradt and Josephine Thomas.

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J. F. Bauer, a Spokane traveling man found unconscious in a rooming house Saturday about noon, died Sunday morning in the Twin Falls county general hospital. He was a repre-) 10 sentative of the Burlington Basket company of Burlington, Iowa. He was

- mes registered at another hotel but not at to the place where he was found and where it is believed he entered in a stupor
- His sister, who lives in Ottumwa. to- Iowa, was notified and has requested
- that the body be forwarded. Little is
- known of Bauer. He appeared to be 1 of about 45 years old and was a mem-
- ent ber of the Knights of Columbus at Valley, Wash.

#### Investigation Is Held.

А Investigation by the notice which ook terminated at 2 o'clock this afternoon led to the following facts: R. S. Thompson of Seneca, Kansas, and a Ars. man named Harry Burns had the room in which Bauer was discovered 4 11 drs. It was a two cot room and these men were not together. Burns came in first and went to his cot. Later another man, who proved to be Bauer. last was brought in or came in and took ferday the other cot. Some time thereafter Thompson came in and found Bauer ek. who was then conscious, and said he was sick. The men bathed his face itaand gave him a drink of water. Burns day got up at six o'clock and Thompson ng: slept until nearly noon. When he got tins up he saw that there was something wrong with Bauer and reported. The men said that there was so far as they 1111jail could see no evidence of intoxication tice on Bauer. Chief R. E. Leighton says that he has no evidence that the man of had been drinking, though Dr. J. E. Langenwalter, county physician, is ers.

said to have expressed the opinion that liquor caused the death. The death certificate had not been signed at press time

Thompson and Burns were released by the police this afternoon, having been held in custody since the report of the case.

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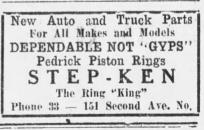
Aboard S. S. S. Carmania Enroute from New York to England, July 12----Passengers from every one of the 48 American states and each of the Canadian provinces are aboard this vessel today among the North American delegates to the International Christian Endeavor meeting which will convene in London Friday.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor in North America and Edward P. Gates, the general secretary are leaders of the delegation which numbers more than 700 persons. Sunday afternoon the entire delegation held a rally on the forward deck and Captain F. G. Brown changed the course of his ship into the wind in order to permit speakers to be heard.

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