

Frank Corkhill  
Chicago 1888

# Frank Corkhill

**Bats:** Unknown • **Throws:** Unknown

**Full Name:** Frank R. Corkhill

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Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
<a href="#">1888</a>	--	<a href="#">Hutchinson</a>	<a href="#">Western League</a>	N/A				
<a href="#">1888</a>	--	<a href="#">Chicago Maroons</a>	<a href="#">Western Association</a>	A				

On September 13, 1888, Davenport hosted Chicago at home. In the fifth inning, Chicago centerfielder Matt Keogan singled. Two batters later, Dan Dugdale singled and Keogan attempted to advance to third. Davenport third baseman John Doran jumped over Keogan to catch the throw, and in doing so kicked Keogan in the head. Keogan suffered a scalp wound and was taken out of the game. According to the *Davenport Morning Democrat*, “Corkhill, a C. B. & Q. brakeman and a good ball player” was put into the game. Corkhill scored a run that inning and then went into right field, while Rheims moved from right field to center field. He got one at bat (an out) and handled no chances in the outfield (or none that the accounts of the game mention). Chicago scored three runs in the fifth inning and won the game 3-2.<P>

Baseball Reference identifies Frank R. Corkhill as playing for Hutchinson (Kansas) in the Western League and then the Chicago Maroons in the Western Association. The *Hutchinson News* reported that Frank Corkhill, “who has played in the diamond for a number of years with a number of eastern clubs” (March 1, 1888) was signed to play left field for the coming season. “He is a strong batter and excellent base runner.” He appeared in box scores for Hutchinson in games in April and May of 1888. In mid-May the *Nebraska State Journal* indicated that Corkhill would play for Lincoln in an exhibition game against Des Moines. The *Hutchinson Call* reported the next day that Corkhill played in the game, but his name is not in the box score. In mid-June the *Leavenworth Standard* reported that “Corkhill seems to the best of Hutchinson’s many pitchers” (June 11, 1888). Despite this, Corkhill was released on June 25, 1888. He signed with Rock Island, where he “developed into full fledged pitcher” (*Evening Kansan*, August 16, 1888). Rock Island is across the Mississippi River from Davenport, making it reasonable that Frank Corkhill who played for Hutchinson is indeed the Corkhill who filled in for Chicago one month later.<P>

After the 1888 season, there is no record of his playing professional baseball again. The *Hutchinson News* noted on March 15, 1889 that Franck Corkhill hadn't been heard from last season.<P>

There is no biographical information for Frank Corkhill on Baseball Reference. He was described as a "C. B. & Q. brakeman" the day after his appearance with the Maroons. The 1900 US Census identifies a Frank R. Corkill living in Beardstown, IL, with an occupation of Railroad Conductor. Beardstown is located approximately 120 miles south of Rock Island. Frank R Corkill was born in on May 8, 1867 in Bedford, Ohio. He died on October 6, 1936 and is buried in Beardstown, IL. One of his siblings was <a href=<https://www.baseball-reference.com/register/player.fcgi?id=corkil001rob>> Robert Corkill</a>, who played minor league baseball from 1904 – 1913, including stints with Davenport and Rock Island in 1904. Their father spelled his name (according to Census Records) Robert Corkhill, and both Frank and Robert Jr. are found in the record with the name spelled as "Corkhill".<P>

It is reasonable to believe that Frank Corkhill, the "C. B. & Q. brakeman" who played that afternoon for the Maroons is Frank Corkhill (or Corkill), brother of Robert Royal Corkill. He was 21 in the summer of 1888 when he tried professional baseball. Frank married Lillie Emily Rheinberger in October 1890. They had two children (in 1891 and 1894). Assuming he was working for C. B. & Q. already in 1888, he worked in the railroad industry for more than 40 years. The 1930 Census still has Frank and Lillie Corkill living in Beardstown, with Frank as a conductor, at age 62. He died at age 68 in 1936.<P>

NAME: Frank Radcliff Corkhill  
GENDER: Male  
AGE: 23  
BIRTH DATE: 1867  
MARRIAGE DATE: 29 Oct 1890  
MARRIAGE PLACE: Cass, Illinois, USA  
FATHER: Robert Corkhill  
MOTHER: Emma Darling  
SPOUSE: Lillie Emily Rheinberger  
FILM NUMBER: 001313107

strike was a passed ball. He ran to first with lightning speed and continued to second, forcing Forster from his base and Snyder from third. Snyder was put out at the home plate and the side retired. Keogan made a splendid base hit to center and went to second on Dugdale's single to left field, but in stealing second he met with an accident. Kemmler threw to put him out and as Doran jumped over Keogan to catch the ball he struck Keogan on the head with his foot injuring him so as to cause his retirement. Corkhill, a C. B. & Q. brakeman and a good ball player, was put in his place and he scored. Then Forster, the second baseman, juggled Sprague's grounder and Dugdale and Hanrahan scored. Fisher and Forster really lost the game for the home team. But for their blunders the Maroons would have been shut out. Smooth playing characterized the game

— Corkhill played in one game against Davenport @ Davenport on Sept 13, 1888

a well played and interesting contest.

Davenport.		A.	B.	R.	B.H.	S.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Forster, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	6	2			
Fisher, ss.....	3	1	0	0	0	3	6	1			
McCauley, p.....	3	0	2	0	0	8	0				
Moyer, 1b.....	4	1	0	0	0	14	0	0			
Klopf, cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
McCullom rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Doran 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
Kemmler, c.....	4	0	0	0	0	3	5	0			
Snyder lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total .....	31	2	3	0	0	24	25	4			

Chicago.		A.	B.	R.	B.H.	S.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Hanrahan, ss...	4	1	0	1	0	6	0				
Sprague,rf.....	3	0	0	1	5	0	1				
Turner, p.....	4	0	0	0	0	8	0				
Hengle, 2b.....	3	0	1	0	5	2	0				
Rheims, rf.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0				
Nulton, 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0				
Keogan, cf.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	1				
Corkhill, lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Hoover, c.....	2	0	1	0	6	3	2				
Dugdale, 1b.....	3	1	1	1	9	0	1				
Total .....	28	3	4	3	27	21	5				

Score by Innings.

Davenport .....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-2
Chicago .....	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-3
Three base hits—Klopf.											
Double plays—Davenport 3—Chicago 1											
Bases on balls—Forster, Fisher, McCullom, Snyder, Sprague, Hengle, Hoover.											
Bases from being hit by pitched balls—Fisher.											
Struck out—By McCauley 7, by Turner 5											
Passed Balls—Kemmler, 1 Hoover, 1											
Wild pitches—By Turner 1.											
Time of game—1 hour, 35 minutes.											
Umpire—Fessenden.											

Morning Democrat (Davenport) Sep 14, 1888

Morning Democrat (Davenport) Sep 14, 1888

Baseball Reference identifies Corkhill as Frank R Corkhill (corkhi001fra), who also played with Hutchinson in 1888

land league.  
 J. Burns, third base and catcher, Boston Blues of '87, the leading semi-professional club of New England. Frank Corkhill, who has played in the diamond for a number of years with a number of eastern professional clubs, has been engaged as left fielder. He is a strong batter and excellent base runner.  
 Mr. Bryan has also received the terms of Will Colver, the crack short stop of

The Hutchinson News March 1, 1888

Frank Corkhill, who has played in the diamond for a number of years with a number of eastern professional clubs, has been engaged as left fielder. He is a strong batter and excellent base runner.

The Weekly Democrat (Hutchinson KS) March 3, 1888

**THE SCORE.**

BEATONS.	AB.	R.	1B.	2B.	PO.	A.	E.
Blanchard, p.....	4	0	0	0	1	16	3
Adams, lf.....	3	0	0	2	3	0	0
Choquette, ss.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	2
Conroy, rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balley, cf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
Moore, 3b.....	4	0	0	2	2	0	1
Morris, 1b.....	4	0	0	0	7	3	1
Fogarty, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	2	3	1
Ward, c.....	3	0	0	0	12	1	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>HUTCHINSON.</b>							
	AB.	R.	1B.	2B.	PO.	A.	E.
Corkhill, rf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dugan, 2b.....	4	1	0	1	3	1	0
Whitely, lf.....	3	0	1	0	3	0	0
Burns, 3b.....	4	0	1	0	1	0	1
Faatz, c.....	4	1	1	0	11	3	1
Rafferty, ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Meakin, cf&p.....	4	0	0	0	1	11	2
Bryan, 1b.....	4	0	0	0	3	0	1
Kane, p&cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	5	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hutchinson.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Beaton.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Runs earned—Beaton, 1; two base hits, Faatz; three base hits, Whitely; home run, Balley; first on balls—off Meakin, 1; off Blanchard, 3; struck out, Kane, 1; Meakin, 10; Blanchard, 12. Time, two hours. Umpire, Geo. Hardeby.

Hutchinson News April 25, 1888

**Lincoln 12, Hutchinson 10.**

LINCOLN, Neb., May 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The last of the series of games between the Hutchinson and Lincoln teams was played to-day and won by the home club, their first victory since the opening of the Western league. The weather was cold and a high wind prevailed. The following is the score:

LINCOLN.							
	AB.	R.	PO.	A.	E.		
Casey, 1b.....	6	2	11	0	5		
Behne, ss.....	4	0	2	6	2		
French, c.....	4	1	6	0	0		
Toohey, lf.....	4	2	4	0	0		
Sylvester, 2b.....	4	0	0	1	0		
Mussey, 3b.....	5	2	1	2	0		
Moore, p.....	4	0	3	6	0		
Carty, cf.....	5	3	0	0	1		
Long, rf.....	5	0	0	0	1		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>		
HUTCHINSON.							
	AB.	R.	PO.	A.	E.		
Burns, 3b.....	5	3	0	3	1		
Bryan, 1b.....	5	0	9	0	2		
Whitely, cf.....	5	1	1	1	0		
Faatz, rf.....	5	1	0	0	0		
Dugan, 2b.....	5	1	3	2	2		
Rafferty, ss.....	5	2	2	3	1		
Hoggrins, c.....	5	2	5	1	0		
Corkhill, lf.....	5	1	5	0	0		
Meakin, p.....	5	0	2	6	0		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>		
BY INNINGS.							
Lincoln.....	6	0	0	1	0	3	2
Hutchinson.....	0	0	0	1	2	0	1

Earned runs—Lincoln 4, Hutchinson 2. Two-base hits—Whitely, Dugan. Three-base hits—Toohey, Burns, Faatz, Corkhill. Base on balls—By Meakin 1. Hit by pitcher—Meakin 4. Struck out—By Meakin 5, Moore 4. Passed balls—Hoggrins 4. Time of game—2:15. Umpire—Humby.

Omaha Daily Bee May 16, 1888

**THE GAME TODAY.**

This afternoon the base ball event of the season will take place at Athletic park. The Des Moines men arrived last night, and today at 4 o'clock will play an exhibition game with the home team. The Iowa men are celebrities and will prove a grand drawing card. Several old Western league players are among them, including Orator Shafer, one of the most popular members of our team last year. The positions are as follows:

LINCOLN.	DES MOINES.
Seibel..... p.....	Wells.....
French..... c.....	Sage.....
Casey..... 1b.....	Stearns.....
Belsack..... 2b.....	Quinn.....
Mussey..... 3b.....	Alvord.....
Behne..... ss.....	Macular.....
Toohey..... lf.....	Van Dyke.....
Sylvester..... cf.....	Kennedy.....
Corkhill..... rf.....	Shafer.....

Nebraska State Journal May 16, 1888

THE SCORE.							
LINCOLN.	A.	R.	B.	H.	S.	P.O.	E.
Casey, 1 b.....	5	1	2	0	8	3	1
Behne, s s.....	5	1	2	0	6	0	0
French, c.....	5	0	1	0	3	5	0
Toohy, 1 f.....	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Sylvester, c f.....	3	1	2	0	4	0	0
Mussey, 3 b.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Moore, 2 b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	2
Long, r f.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seibie, p.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	5	11	0	24	9	4

  

DES MOINES.	A.	R.	B.	H.	S.	P.O.	A.	E.
Stearns, 1 b.....	6	2	1	1	2	0	0	
Quinn, 2 b.....	6	1	3	2	3	2	0	
Shafer, r f.....	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Macular, s s.....	5	2	3	1	1	3	0	
Alvord, 3 b.....	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	
Van Dyke, 1 f.....	5	3	2	2	1	0	0	
Trafley, c f.....	5	2	1	4	11	0	0	
Weiss, p.....	5	3	2	2	1	8	0	
Sage, c.....	3	3	0	0	5	1	0	
Totals.....	43	18	14	13	27	14	1	

Nebraska State Journal May 17, 1888 – No Corkhill in the box score

Corkhill our star right fielder played with the Lincoln ball team against the Des Moines team yesterday. He is an honest player and is making many friends on this trip by his earnest work.

The Hutchinson Call May 17, 1888

Corkhill seems to be the best of Hutchinson's many pitchers.

Leavenworth Standard June 11, 1888

—Messrs. Corkhill, Hoggins, Whitely and Lynch, of the Hutchinson team, were released Monday, and passed through the city enroute east. Whitely goes to the Sioux City team of the Western Association, Corkhill to Duquoin, Ill., Hoggins to Brooklyn, and Lynch to Peru, Ill.

The Evening Kansan June 27, 1888

THE HOMETEAM STRENGTHENED.  
 Three of the best players in the late Leavenworth league team, have been signed with the Hutchinsons. They are all excellent ball players and will strengthen the team very much.  
 On account of there being too many men with the team and a desire on the part of the association to cut down expenses, Manager Faatz has released Hoggins, Corkhill, Lynch and Whitely the latter at his own request. Whitely has many friends who will be sorry to see him go.

The Weekly Democrat (Hutchinson) June 30, 1888

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 not- It was a very pretty game that was unne  
 com: played at the Rock Island park between othe  
 He base ball contingents of the two cities. braid  
 the Rock Island put a nine in the field com- He t  
 d us posed of P. Zeis, catcher; Corkhill, He t  
 Mills pitcher; Brough, first base; Scherer, temp  
 eas second base; Sullivan, third base; Weis- ing  
 rty- ler, short stop; Olsen, left field; C. Zeis, he w  
 the right field; while the Browns were com- other  
 free posed of Colson, catcher; Gleason, pitcher; up in  
 libl- Speck, first base; Wehrend, second base; wors

Rock Island Argus July 25, 1888 Wednesday

on Corkhill, the left fielder of the team,  
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The Evening Kansan August 16, 1888

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 B. & Q. brakeman and a good ball play-  
 er, was put in his place and he scored.  
 Then Forster, the second baseman,

Morning Democrat Sept 14, 1888

Was Frank R Corkhill with Rock Island at this time?

**is still unengaged.**  
**Smiling Frank Corkhill has not been**  
**heard from since the close of last season.**  
**Jack DeWarty, our coaching short stop.**

Hutchinson News Mar 15, 1889 (from Base Ball News column)

**Advertised List of Letters No. 2.**  
 List of letters uncalled for at the Postoffice at  
 Rock Island, Rock Island county, Illinois,  
 Jan. 11, 1889.

Corkhill Frank	Healey L. M. (2)
Curtis Edwin L.	Keith Will
Carrier & Brown Messrs	Linsey Harry
Draft Miss Lou	Morris Sam
Dearing & Son	Palman Mrs J
Eberheart Charles	Robinson H B
Glanz Geo	Thompson Sata
Grandfield Miss Lizzie	Williams T J
Green Freddie R	Wilkins S B & Co

FOREIGN.  
 Baizer Jacob care of Joseph Ring  
 Kerr Peter (carpenter)

Rock Island Argus January 11, 1889

DIV.	LOCATION	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
80	Montreal, Que.	Gannon, D. J.	Conner, E. A.
81	Beardstown, Ill.	Parker, C. C.	Corkhill, F. R.
82	Madison, Wis.	Fitzgerald, D. M.	Pfahler, A. —

Google books "The Conductor and Brakemen Vol 28" pg 136, List of Delegates and Alternatives to the 33d Grand Division Jacksonville FL May 1911

Name: Frank R Corkill	Name: Frank R Corkill
Age: 33	Age in 1910: 42
Birth Date: May 1867	Birth Year: abt 1868
Birthplace: Ohio	Birthplace: Ohio
Home in 1900: Beardstown, Cass, Illinois	Home in 1910: Beardstown Ward 3, Cass, Illinois
Ward of City: 2	Street: E Eighth Street
Street: East Eighth Street	House Number: 101
House Number: 415	Race: White
Sheet Number: 7	Gender: Male
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation: 170	Relation to Head of House: Head
Family Number: 184	Marital status: Married
Race: White	Spouse's name: Lill E Corkill
Gender: Male	Father's Birthplace: Ohio
Relation to Head of House: Head	Mother's Birthplace: Ohio
Marital status: Married	Native Tongue: English
Spouse's name: Lillie E Corkill	Occupation: Conductor
Marriage Year: 1890	Industry: Steam Rail Road
Father's Birthplace: New York	Employer, Employee or Other: Wage Earner
Mother's Birthplace: New York	
Occupation: RR Conductor	
<b>1900 Census</b>	<b>1910 Census</b>



Photo added by R&C

## Frank R Corkill

**BIRTH** 1867  
**DEATH** 1936 (aged 68–69)  
**BURIAL** Beardstown City Cemetery  
 Beardstown, Cass County, Illinois, USA  
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### Family Members

#### Parents

-  **Robert R Corkhill**  
1834–1884
-  **Emma L. Darling Corkhill**  
1847–1897

#### Spouse

-  **Lilly E. Rhineberger Corkill**  
1873–1953 (m. 1890)

#### Siblings

-  **Edward A Corkill**  
1865–1932
-  **Charles C. Corkill**  
1870–1915
-  **Robert Royal Corkill**  
1884–1961

#### Children

-  **Lynn R. Corkill**  
1891–1971
-  **Henry Byron Corkill**  
1894–1952

# Frank R Corkill

**BIRTH** 8 MAY 1867 • Bedford, Ohio  
**DEATH** 6 OCT 1936 • Beardstown, Cass, Illinois

**NAME:** Frank Radcliff Corkhill  
**GENDER:** Male  
**AGE:** 23  
**BIRTH DATE:** 1867  
**MARRIAGE DATE:** 29 Oct 1890  
**MARRIAGE PLACE:** Cass, Illinois, USA  
**FATHER:** Robert Corkhill  
**MOTHER:** Emma Darling  
**SPOUSE:** Lillie Emily Rheinberger  
**FILM NUMBER:** 001313107

This is the brother of Frank R Corkhill



### **New Player for the Team.**

Robert Corkhill has been secured by Manager Hayes for one of the fielding positions of the Davenport team during the coming season. He comes from Illinois, and has, it is said, been playing with independent teams. Last season he was with the Beardstowns, and is reported to have showed up well with that club. He has quite a reputation as a sprinter and is expected to get under all the flies that come within hailing distance of his particular station in the outer garden.

There will be no change in the color of the suits that will be worn by the local team in the coming race for the pennant. These are now being made by Spaulding & Co., and are considered showy enough for all practical purposes.

Davenport Morning Star March 22, 1904

Robert Corkhill, who is well known in Iowa State and Three-I league circles, has signed with Little Rock.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette March 9, 1907

Robert Corkhill, the heavy hitting outfielder of the Joplin Miners is out of the game at present because of sickness. It is expected that he will get back in the game in time to play here.

The Hutchinson News June 13, 1908

Robert Corkhill, who is well remembered in the Three-Eye, particularly at Davenport and Clinton, has signed with Galveston.

Rock Island Argus March 6, 1909

## HENDERSON IS SOLD

### PURCHASER FOUND FOR THE VETERAN SHORTSTOP.

BATTLE CREEK, April 20.—Secretary French of the Battle Creek baseball association announced Wednesday evening that Infielder "Curly" Henderson had been sold to the Jackson, Miss., club of the Cotton States league. Henderson has played with the Crickets for the past three years and was accounted one of the most sensational short fielders in the league.

Outfielder Robert Corkhill, purchased by Battle Creek, from the Houston, Texas league team, reported to Manager Burke Wednesday morning. Last year he was one of the hardest hitting and best fielding outfielders in the Texas league.

Lansing State Journal April 20, 1911

list.

#### Six for Outfield.

In the outfield are Lige Wooley, former Rock Island man, John Dowell and Ernest Calbert from Terre Haute, Robert Corkhill who lives in Rock Island, and has played Three-I league ball in the past; Oliver Sellers, secured in the Columbus deal and Roy Scherer, former Rock Island player, purchased from Sioux City. All look reasonably fast.

#### Seven in Infield

Decatur Herald and Review March 31, 1912

Robert Corkhill, left fielder for the Waterloo baseball team, received a bad cut in his left side shortly after 8 o'clock last evening from a razor in the hands of Arthur McArthur, a painter, whose home is in Burlington, but who has been working in Cedar Rapids during the past six weeks. Mr. Corkhill was taken to St. Luke's hospital, and McArthur was arrested after a short chase and taken to the police station.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette July 8, 1913

By Associated Press to the Austin American.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 12.—  
Umpires for the Texas baseball league this season, announced by President Morris of the league, include but one holdover from last year.

This is Paul Sentell.

Besides Sentell, the umpires are Bobby Tarleton, Galveston; Don H. Young and J. H. Bibb, San Antonio; Robert Corkhill, Moline, Ill.; Hugh H. Miller and Anthony L. Powers, St. Louis and Robert Heuslein, Indianapolis.

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Austin American April 13, 1920