Crawford Chicago 1888

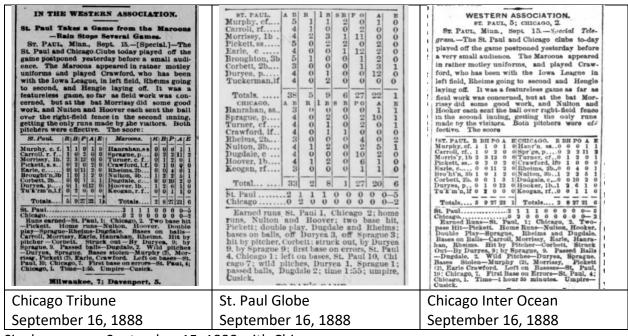
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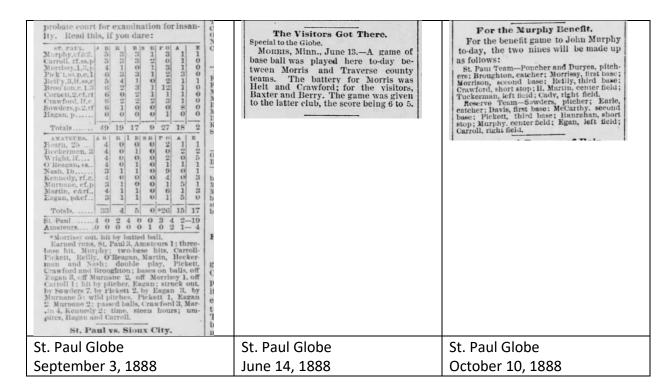
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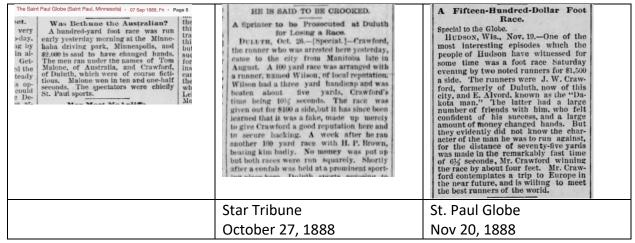
A 'Crawford' is listed with two clubs in Michigan in 1889

"George Crawford" has one MLB game in Philadelphia in 1890.



Single game on September 15, 1888 with Chicago.





Could this sprinter be the mysterious Crawford?

Games with St. Paul in 1884:

- @ Qunicy on May 12, 1884 (per Detroit Free Press May 13) at p
- @ Qunicy on May 13, 1884 (per Detroit Free Press May 14) at 2b
- @ Grand Rapids on May 16, 1884 (per Detroit Free Press May 17) at 2b
- @ Grand Rapids on May 17, 1884 (per Detroit Free Press May 18) at 2b
- @ Muskegon on May 20, 1884 (per Detroit Free Press May 21) at cf & 2b
- @ Muskegon on May 22, 1884 (per Detroit Free Press May 23) at rf

THE ROSTER OF PLAYERS.

The players engaged up to the present time are as follows:

Hunter, P., St. Paul.
Crawford, P., Dallas, Texas.
Barnes, C., St. Paul.
Foster, C., Minneapolis.
Parker, C., Dallas, Texas.
Ireland, C., Ithaca.
Bohan, 1st base, Chicago.
Olin, 2d base, Ithaca.
O'Brien, 3d base, Chicago.
Merrick, short stop, St. Paul.
Wilmont, no position.

The names of five men are withheld until their contracts are received. They are fielders and pitchers. St. Paul—Wm. Barnes, E. E. Foster, Geo. W. Crawford, Wm. Ireland, Chas. H. Robson, Wm. O'Brien, C. N. Parker, J. Werick.

St. Paul Globe March 23, 1884

The St. Paul Club Beginning to Practice—Gossip About the Club.

The St. Paul base ball club is now beginning to practice in earnest. All the members of the club are not here but will be in a day or two, Aaron Clapp, H. C. Rowhan, George W. Crawford, and N. C. Parker are expected to arrive to-day. The suits for the members will be here in about a week from Tuesday, by which time the whole club will

uniform, with pitchers and catchers in regular positions. Foster is to catch Aber regularly and Barns will catch Hunter, while Parker and another catcher not yet assigned will catch Crawford. The exhibition pitching will be done by such members of the club as show and develop a taste and qualification that way. The infield positions

St. Paul Globe March 25, 1884

Quincys, 16; St. Pauls, 1. Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.

QUINCY, ILL., May 12.—The second game between the St. Paul and Quincy clubs was even a more one-sided affair than the first. It resulted in a score of 16 to 1 for Quincy, the run for the visitors being allowed in the last inning by ridiculous errors by the home team, who, up to that time, had played a faultless game. The St. Pauls played several new men, but to no purpose. The home team sugged Crawford, the new pitcher, most unmercifully, making a number of two-base hits, while the visitors struck out often on Foley's swift balls. Foley and Corcovan were the battery for Quincy and Crawford and Barnes for St. Paul. The attendance was fair. Score:

St. Paul Globe April 6, 1884

Globe Democrat May 13, 1884

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A. McPaee, Philadelphia; E. W. Williamson, in the Little Rock, Ark; V. Nava, Cincinasti; T. W. to Murray, Richmond; J. F. Cahili, Toledo; G. to Murray, Richmond; J. F. Cahili, Toledo; G. to J. C. McNealux, Milwaukee; Caroy Shaw, W. f. Thompson, J. Tooke, W. S. Delaney, R. W. and Slayton, Columbus. ot At the Washington: R. T. Stapely, Jackson, to Jayron, Columbus. Galveston Daily News January 7, 1884 players—Laughlin, first base; Hun stable, centre field, and Blakeney, left lifeld—all of them being engaged in business from which they could get no release. But they will all be on hand to-day. Dallas presented her new pitcher, George W. Crawford, off ast year's Brown Stockings, and who has played thus for the present season with	Inntres 1 2 8 4 5 6 7 8 9 Galveston 1 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 5 K.O.M. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Possibly the same G. W. Crawford who checked in at the Tremont and played in a game in Galveston in January.

ind it necessary or politic yesterday to let himself out fully; his club could win without it, and as he had to pitch and Carter to catch in to-day's game there was no good reason why he should punish himself and his plucky catcher unnecessarily. Mr. A Smith of

unnecessarily. Mr. A. A. Smith, of Honey Grove, was presented by Paris as the umpire, and accepted by Dallas, and although some of his decisions

The Dallas Daily Herald July 20, 1884

league on account of underhand work on the part of the manager of the Fort Worth club.

Crawford, it is said, was hired in an open-handed manner by Manager Fowlo, of the Fort Worth club, as the correspondence now in the hands of the secretary will show, and the charge against him, it is alleged, is unsup-ported by any evidence. Crawford is pro-bably the finest pitcher that ever played in Texas.

Galveston Daily News July 30, 1884

Per article in Dallas Daily Herald, played for St. Paul and Elgin, IL prior to playing in Dallas.

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The Worthington Advance July 7, 1887 There was a Crawford playing for Worthington (Minnesota) in 1887

Greenville Wins Again.

GREENVILLE, August 16.—[Special.]—Greenville to-day won its third straight game from Grand Rapids by superior batting, after having lost it in the second inning by Stellberger's arm giving out. In the third inning Jones, who pitched yesterday, went into the box and held the visitors down to six hits and striking out seven men. Crawford distinguished himself by making a long hit at a critical time and good for three bases, and catching a hot liner. Score:

Detroit Free Press Aug 17, 1889 Crawford with Greenville in the Michigan League in 1889

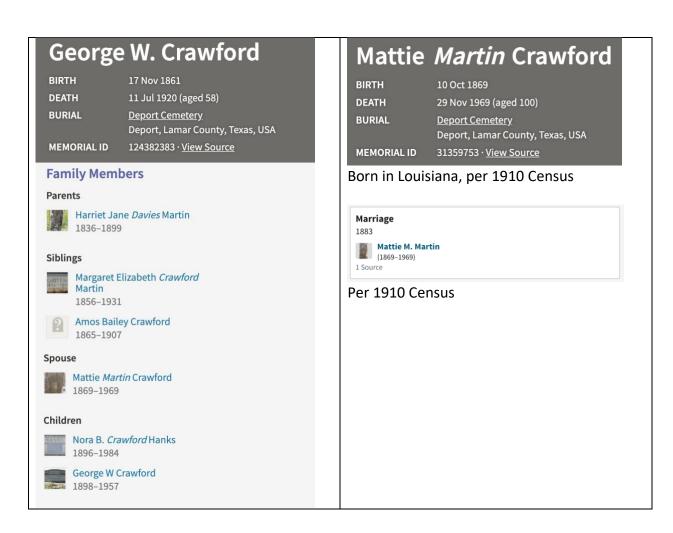
Strengthening the Club.

GREENVILLE, August 30.—The Greenville management have strengthened their club by releasing Crawford and Stallings and signing O'Connor, late first baseman of Grand Ravids, and McCullongh, pitcher of Lansing.

Detroit Free Press Aug 31, 1889 – Released from Greenville

Name:	George W Crawford		Name:	George W Crawford			
Census Year:	1870		Age in 1910:	49			
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Is this the right George W Crawford?



Family Tree

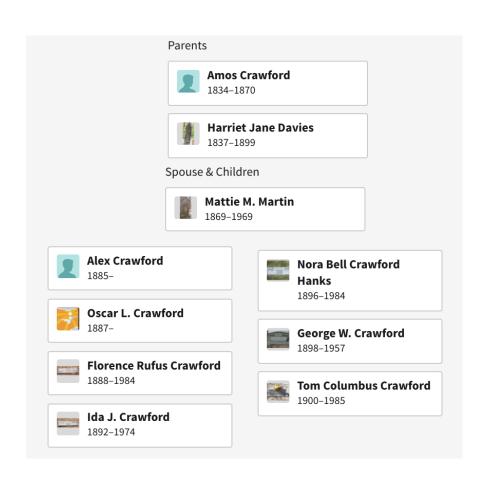
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George Crawford

Positions: Rightfielder and Shortstop **Bats:** Unknown • **Throws:** Unknown

Debut: October 8, 1890 (1,567th in MLB history)

Last Game: October 12, 1890 Full Name: George Crawford

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How do we know his first name was George?

George Crawford with Philadelphia (AA) in 1890, 5 games per Baseball-Reference

October 8, rf vs. Rochester October 9, rf vs. Rochester October 11, rf vs. Syracuse (DH)

October 12, ss vs. Syracuse (Final game of season)

All games were at home. The previous game was October 4, a DH @ Syracuse

Crawford played a magnificent game in right field yesterday. A prettier exhibition is seldom witnessed.

Philadelphia Inquirer Oct 12, 1890

Crawford, of the revised Athletics, sizes up like a coming star.

Philadelphia Inquirer Oct 13, 1890

Crawford, George "George" 90PhiA

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Debut: 10/8/90 at Philadelphia; played RF and went 0-for-4 in a 17-1 loss to Rochester's Bob Barr

Finale: 10/12/90 at Philadelphia; played SS and went 0-for-2 in a 12-2 loss to Syracuse's Ed Mars

George Crawford's baseball roots and all his vital statistics are unknown. He may have been the mysterious George Crawford from the West Coast that was the scourge of the Texas baseball hinterlands in the mid–1880s, but that only deepens the puzzle of what he was doing in Philadelphia in October 1890 since the fast-sinking A's were in no financial shape to import players from nearby Camden, let alone west of the Mississippi. In an event, Crawford played five games in five days with the A's. In marked contrast to his .118 BA was a perfect 1.000 FA, including his lone appearance at SS in his finale. (DN)

Mr. Nemec,

I've been researching the Western Association of 1888, and one of the players identified is George Crawford, who played one game with Chicago as a fill-in in St. Paul. This George Crawford is reportedly the same George Crawford who played for St. Paul several years earlier, in 1884. That George Crawford (from 1884 St. Paul) is George W. Crawford, who came from Texas to Minnesota, and after he left St. Paul in July of 1884, he returned to Texas, where Dallas and Fort Worth got into a dispute over who could sign him.

In your book "The Rank and File of 19th Century Major League Baseball," you wonder if George Crawford of the 1890 Philadelphia club was "the mysterious George Crawford from the West Coast that was the scourge of the Texas baseball hinterlands in the mid-1880s."

In my research into George W Crawford from Texas (who I assume is the same player that you referred to), I have not found anything about a West Coast connection, so I would like to learn more

about that connection. I'm not convinced that George Crawford from the 1888 Western Association is the same George Crawford who played for St. Paul in 1884. Perhaps understanding more about the Texas player George W Crawford will help me answer that question.

Any assistance you can provide will be appreciated. Thank you!

Paul Winter St. Louis, MO

On Jun 19, 2021, at 3:01 PM, David Nemec <philtomney@yahoo.com> wrote:

Paul,

Unhappily some of my early notes on Crawford were made before I ever imagined I would one day do a book that would include him. Many of these notes as a result do not include a source or even when I made them. Thus I have nothing concrete on him that didn't appear in TR&F.

However, Ray Nemec (no relation) did extensive work on the WA of the late 1880s. I don't know what happened to his research legacy after his death, but it may be of some help if you're able to track it down. Reed Howard is another possibility, but I expect you have already approached him and perhaps Ray's legacy as well.

If Crawford indeed was from the Philadelphia area, Tom Shea may have had something on him. Dick Thompson left all of Tom's work to the HOF.

In any case, keep me posted. Your work is already invaluable and I look forward to seeing more of it.

Sorry I've been of so little help.

David.