Jack Crooks

Jack Crooks played with St. Paul in the Northwestern League in 1887. He signed with the Whites in early November, 1887. During spring training, he started at second base through the first few weeks of training games. During the break between the game against the Prickley Ash and the game against the Kansas City club, he suffered a sprain and missed the rest of the preseason games. Parson Nicholson moved to second base to replace him. When he returned from his injury for the season opener, he was playing third base. Just over a week or so later, Alcott was released, as Crooks and Nicholson became the regular starters at third and second, respectively.

He was sold to the Omaha club on June 20th, the day of the Whites' final game, and first appeared with Omaha on June 23. After Crooks was sold, the Whites had only eight men left on their roster. The game on June 21 was cancelled due to rain, and on June 22, the Whites planned to insert Jim Devlin into right field as the ninth man. Des Moines objected, and the Whites forfeited the game. On June 23, the Whites again tried to play Devlin, and again forfeited. The team was disbanded that evening by Chris Von der Ahe.

CHARLES CROOKS

is 24 years of age and comes from St. Paul, of which city Col. Wm. Crooks, his father, is a well known and prominent citizen. Crooks will be one of the star catchers of the Western Association, for last year he caught the very speedy pitcher, Sowders, on the St. Paul Club, the Northwestern League, and did also excellent work at the bat and as a base runner. Besides his baseball attributes Crooks is one of the most scientific sparrers in the Northwest and his friends there have offered to back him for money in glove fights against many well known professional fighters around St. Paul and Minneapolis. Few of the pugs who have seen Crooks spar, however, were willing to meet him in a ring. Jack Crooks, who played second base last year for St. Paul, has signed with the St. Louis club for next season. On Tuesday evening his many admirers in St. Paul gave him a banquet, and during its progress presented him with an elegant diamond stud.

The Saint Paul Globe, November 10, 1887

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St. Paul Globe?

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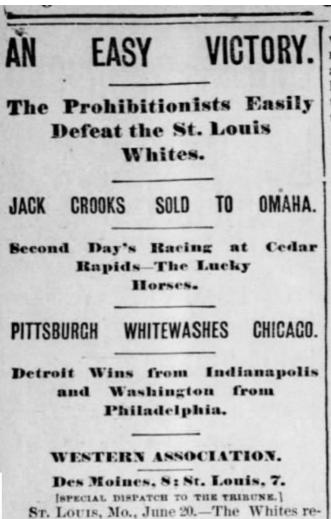
Globe Democrat June 21, 1888

Crooks Goes.

John Crooks, who has been covering third base for the Whites, was yesterday sold to Omaha, and Nicholson will go eithe Minneapolis. Wheeling The Whites or 11 play their schedule for several weeks et. Sam Morton, who is trying to sell the icago Maroons, has made every effort toprevent clubs from buying the Whites' franstating that the franchise could bought for nothing in a short time. Davenport is ready to jump in and take the place of St. Louis, but rather than let the franchise go for nothing, Von der Ahe proposes o play his team all summer.

St. Louis Republic June 21, 1888

Star Tribune (Minneapolis) June 21, 1888 Crooks sold to Omaha.



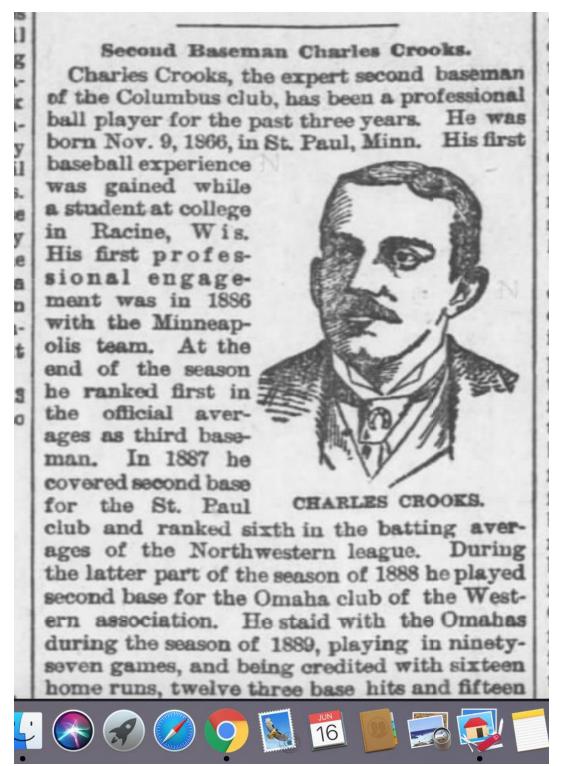
turned this morning from their disastrous trip through the Northwest and in the afternoon met the Des Moines club at Sportsman's park. Joe Murphy, the reporter, pitched under the alias of Farquhar, and would have wong the game had he been properly supported. Kenyon attempted to play second base but made a miserable failure, muffing three flies in succession. In the first and second innings the visitors made eight runs by Halliday, Macullar, Shafer and Vandyke and errors by Crooks and Kenyon. The Whites made four in the fourth on doubles by Nicholson and Arundel and singles of Dolan and Kenyon. The Des Moines team was never able to score after the second inning. Hogan, the um-pire, gave the game to the visitors in the ninth inning by a decision that almost re-sulted in a riot. He gave the Whites the worst of it in every decision. Crooks has been sold to Omaha and Nieholson will probably go to Minneapolis. Score:

Omaha, 6: Kansas City, 4.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 23.—Lovell's pitching was a trifle too much for the home team, they securing but three hits off his speedy delivery. Following is the score:

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Star Tribune June 24, 1888



Topeka Daily Capital 26 Jan 1890

BASE BALL.

One telegram states that Fred Pfeffer has signed to captain and play second base for Louisville at a salary of \$6,000 a year, while another claims that he has gone there to open a saloon. The former is more likely to It has been stated in telegrams be true. sent from St. Louis to outside newspapers that President Von der Ahe claimed to have signed Pfeffer. This statement is not correct. While the St. Louis President wanted Pfeffer, he has never claimed to have signed him, but, on the other hand, has always denied having secured him. Chicago He says President Hart of him offered trade to Pfeffer for Stricker, but afterwards refused to make the deal, demanding Glasscock in exchange for the second baseman. This trade the St. Louis magnate refused to make. Jack Crooks has now been signed to cover second base for the Browns and an effort will be made to exchange Stricker for a pitcher, as St. Louis is badly in need of twirlers.

YALE WITHDRAWS.

Post-Dispatch Jan 18, 1892

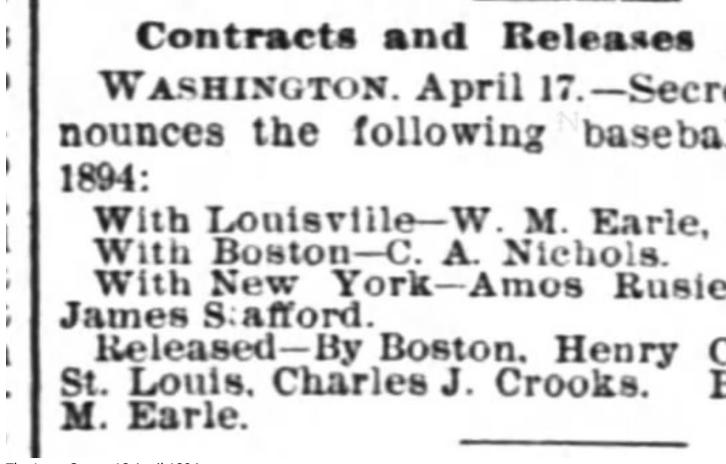
Base Ball Briefs.

Jack Crooks will winter in St. Louis with his wife and sister.

Omaha Daily Bee Oct 23, 1892

Jack Crooks has married an Alton, Ill., girl, and moved into a brown stone front in St. Louis for the winter months. In the meantime Jack will keep books in the Third National bank over there. Yes he will. Captain Charlle Comiskey, savs the Cin-Omaha Daily Bee Oct 30, 1892

well-known heavy-hitting second baseman, and Frazer, a Chicago crack player. Eckhard Umbach, colporteur of the Star Tribune April 10, 1894



The Inter Ocean 18 April 1894

disbandment he guarded second base for tter r the Omaha club of the same organization. ball 11 He continued with the Omaha in 1889, non. tł the when he played 97 championship games, a and was credited with 16 home runs, 12 not triple baggers and 15 double baggers. Before that season closed his release was H bought by the Columbus club and he re-0 led mained with that club until the consolidaa tion of the American Association and Namin in Houst League, when Von der Ahe's Browns et obtained a contract from him and he re-The it amained with that club until he came to if Minneapolis, 18

Star Tribune 31 Dec 1894

"Jack Crooks is a cute cuss, and the man who separates him from his money is a "beaut," " remarked Perry Werden. "Jack and his wife are regular attendants at a North St. Louis church. Recently a pastor announced, just before the plate was passed, that the collection of the day would

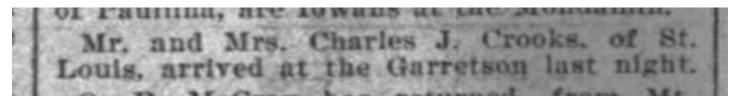
Star Tribune Feb 18, 1896

CROOKS TURNED DOWN.

Released by Von der Ahe, He Is Back Once More in the Western League.

Jack Crooks, released by Chris Von der Ahe, has returned to the burg of his baseball infancy. When Chris handed Jack a ticket of leave in St. Louis on Saturday Jack flashed his calcium light visage on Earl Wagner and asked for another chance in Washington. Earl declined and Jack wired his old manager. Tom Loftus, who immediately signed the man with the man-in-the-moon visage.

Jack will play up to the gait of the Western League, and always was a favorite in Columbus. Crooks has been in and out of the League and Association many a time and oft. He first sprang into prominence as the second baseman of the St. Louis Whites of the Western Association, in '87, when Chris Von der Abe had the Whites as a side show to the Comiskey Browns. Jake Beckley was the first baseman of the white hosiery troupe, and Joe Herr played the short field. Beckley and Crooks are the only veterans left over from Chris' grack Whites of '87.



Sioux City Journal 19 Mar 1899

Sevenum and record "ACK" CRICKS HERE FORMER PRIDE OF LOWER TOWN BALL FIELDS PAYS ST. PAUL A VISIT NEW AMERICAN A WINNER That Is the Prediction of Mr. Crooks, Cigar Salesman, Based on a Long Experience on the Professional Diamond-The National League Has Been Playing the Hog Too Long. "Well, Charley Crooks, as I live," exclaimed Judge Egan, cordially, as he extended his hand to a stalwart young fellow on East Fourth street yesterday, the individual thus greeted being none other

Manager Shannon was elated over today's victory and is confident that if he can get straightened out the is infield h up the Bisons Crawl percentage w of the dder. ndrews is out game sore eves which were made worse barber by his permittting a cure-all to drop some medicine in lamps that his strong. Shannon received as too welcome news today that Jack Crooks leave St. Louis tonight to join the will probably make his uffalos and base in tomorrow's second at game.

Buffalo Courier Jun 8, 1900

large attiendance.

Jack Crooks, who was engaged to in serve as Captain of the Alton Blues has signed with the Buffalo, N. Y., team and will not play with the Altons at it is not known who will take his place ds with the Blues.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lock are on Alton Evening Telegraph June 9, 1900 Crooks played for the Alton club in 1899 and 1900

INGS ON THE SIDE JACK CROOKS HAS BEEN LAMOND STUD June Crooles his salar - Crooks will probably take the races in Chicago. book there.

Buffalo Morning Express Jun 18, 1900

Jack Crooks has not been up to the Western League standard, and the news that he would sever his connection with the Buffalo team, by request, did not surprise very many people. Crooks has been batting at about only .100, and this is far from what he ought to do. Atherton on second will be a tower of strength and an invaluable aid to Jay Andrews, who will certainly play the game right if the man close to him has any life, and Atherton certainly has life.

Buffalo Courier June 18, 1900

it was organized, and is reputed to be ٤, one of the luckiest and surest heavy n, hitters on the team at critical times, 1will be superceded tomorrow by Frank κ. đ, Pears at first base. At second a blank d, is left as it is not known who will hold 1g down the second bag. Jack Crooks, 1e who has played with the Blues before, 111 and has left the Buffalo team, may be 5, at induced to play with the Blues and 115 cover his old-stronghold where he bas 11made such a good record for himself. 1ge The line-up for the game will be: ٠. St. Charles. Altons. ie Winklemeyer C eđ Stein, Alton Evening Telegraph June 23, 1900

Second Baseman Jack Crooks has been released by the Buffalo club, as he was only signed to fill in by Manager Shannon. Atherton has filled the vacancy.

Star Tribune Jun 24, 1900

Jack Crooks, recently released by Buffale, is back in St. Louis getting his cigar samples ready for a trip among the venders of the west. It is expected that second base will be covered by another old time local star, none other than "Jack" Crooks, in h's time the king of all second basemen, and with the bat scarcely second to Werden. Crooks, who has been selling cigars of late years, has kept in training to some extent, and played fast second at Alton, Ill., within two years.

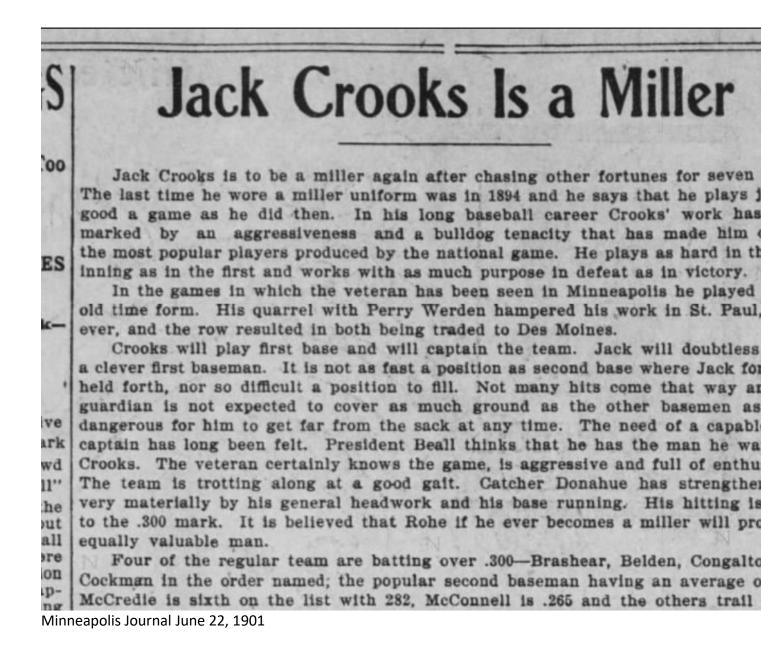
Saint Paul Globe Dec 16, 1900 – Referring to the St. Paul club



JACK CROOKS, according to press reports, refuses diamond with Percival Werden. The story is that whi away on a trip Percy made mean remarks about Jack. rushed into a Des Moines uniform, but Crooks refuses to t will not join the tail enders. All this is very sad news.

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Star Tribune June 19, 1901



"JACK" CROOKS TO BE CAPT OF MINNEAPOLIS BAS and Crooks and Jack Crooks has been located. Yes- 1 Des Moines, whi terday the management of the Minneapolis at the time, lis team announced that Crooks had been signed to play with the Millers. Crooks will den joined the te cover first base regularly and captain the gets at Des Mo play on the sar team. Crooks started in the season with St. remained in St Paul. After the slump of the Giants, Manwhen arrangem ager Ryan started looking for new timber management we

Star Tribune June 23, 1901

RELEASE CROOKS

VETERAN PLAYER IS DROPPED BY MINNEAPOLIS MANAGEMENT.

Second Baseman Was Not a Success at the First Sack—Tannehill to Take His Place.

Jack Crooks, for the past five days first baseman on the Minneapolis ball team, was unconditionally released last night by President Beall.

Crooks is a second baseman, and was out of his element at the beginning sack. He worked hard while in charge of the Miller team, but his play at first fell short of what the management knew Tannehill could do, and as the time for reducing the club has arrived, Crooks was selected as one of the men to go.

Crooks was secured for the Miller team when the management thought another infielder was needed. President Beall believed he was to lose Third Baseman Rohe, and not desiring to play a catcher on the first sack, he secured Crooks. As Rohe is to stay with the Millers and Tannehill is a fast man at the beginning sack, Crooks was given his notice.

Crooks had an off day yesterday, and his errors were in the main responsible for that awful first inning. His misplays were Star Tribune June 27, 1901

Tebeau May Play in Benefit Game for Jack Crooks

The committee in charge of arrangements for the grand benefit baseball game to be tendered Jack Crooks, famous second baseman of the old St. Louis Browns, reports that the advance sale of tickets indicates the game will be well attended, and that the stricken athlete will receive a sum of money far in excess of any sum ever collected at a benefit of this character in St. Louis.

The committee is comprised of Oliver Patrick Tebeau, former baseball star and manager of the first ball star and manager of the first Cardinal team to represent St. Louis in the National League; Jack Powell, former star moundman for the St. Louis Browns; Count Henry Hoffman, and Prince Harry Fisher. The game will be played at Robison Field, Wednesday afternoon, June 23.

Efforts are being made by friends and admirers of Tebeau, Powell and Bobby Wallace to have the three veterans appear in the line-up for one of the contesting teams. Tebeau has not been seen in a baseball uniform since the day he resigned in favor of John McGraw and quit baseball. Grandstand tickets for the benefit game are selling at 50 cents each. St. Louis Star and Times June 7, 1915

Crooks, Veteran Player of 1890 Browns, Is Dead

Death of Old Second Baseman Follows Years of Suffering From Elephantiasis.

Charles J. Crooks, known as "Jack" among the thousands of old time fans who saw him play as a member of the Browns of 1889-1890, died yesterday at the St. Louis Insane Asylum. Crooks for several years had suffered from an affliction known as elephantiasis and weighed over 300 pounds.

For several years prior to his death he had been unable to work as a salesman, in which capacity he had been engaged since quitting the ball field.

Widow Survives Him.

Crooks was a second baseman and made his first big bid for fame with the St. Louis Whites in the Western League. The Whites played at the Browns park when the Browns were on the road. In 1889 he joined the Browns.

The Whites, under the management of the veteran Tom Loftus, developed three other stars, Crooks, Harry Sti-

Charles J	Crooks	
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CROOKS—On Saturday, Feb. 2. 1918, at 7 p. m., Charles Jack Croks, aged 51 years, dearly beloved husband of Blanch Crooks (nee Dimmett). Funeral from William F. Paschedag's chapel, 2825 North Grand avenue, Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 2 p. m. Motor. Please omit flowers. St. Paul (Minn.) papers please copy.

Post-Dispatch Feb 4, 1918