

Elmer Geist  
Sioux City 1888

Elmer Geist, an amateur pitcher once tried by the Sioux City team, has located at Missouri Valley and will twirl the leather for that club during the coming season. The local management is arranging for a

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struck out 9 men.  
Elmer Geist was born in 1864 and began playing ball in 1884; played left field with North Platte, Neb.; began pitching with Panama, Ia., then to Earling, Ia., Manila, Ia., and Omaha Cranes; then to Sioux City, with the Western association; next with Council Bluffs' Odells. He will pitch a nasty ball for the Valleys this season. The western players all know him and are said to be getting their tennis bats ready.  
L. H. Keim was born in 1863; began play-

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## E. E. Geist Shut Out Omaha in Historic Baseball Game

By Ellsworth Parker

WITH the opening of the baseball season just around the corner and Sioux City no longer a member of the Western league, veteran followers of the national sport are spending the spring months in retrospection and many thrilling moments that constituted baseball history some two score years ago are repeated with the same zest and interest that marked their initial telling.

One of the favorite recollections of the fans who made the game popular in the 80s concerns Elmer E. Geist, who is a resident of Wessington Springs, S. D., at the present time. At the time the episode took place, Geist was a lean young Omaha youth whose talents as a successful pitcher were yet to be recognized.



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After making such an auspicious debut, it was without question that he received a permanent post with the Packers and finished the season with them. Baseball held no appeal to the stellar moundsman, however, and when he retired from activity the following season in favor of his Wessington Springs farm, countless inquiries were received by the press as to the whereabouts of the brilliant twirler.

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# Elmer Geist Dies, Funeral Monday

Funeral services for Elmer E. Geist, 80, who died at home Friday morning, will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in the Behrens mortuary. The Rev. C. F. McCall, Jr., First Congregational church, will conduct the services and burial will be in Mountain View cemetery.

Geist was born in 1864 in Williamsport, Pa., and moved to the midwest, where he married Carrie Carver at Atlantic, Iowa, in 1886. He moved to Leigh, Neb., and then came to New Underwood in 1907, where he established a homestead.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, R. L. Geist, Denver, Arthur C. Geist and Allen C. Geist, Rapid City.

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## Elmer E Geist

BIRTH	1864
DEATH	Dec 1944 (aged 79–80)
BURIAL	<a href="#">Mountain View Cemetery</a> Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, USA
MEMORIAL ID	34998402 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

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		Age	Sex	Notes
202	197	60	M	Day Laborer
		47	F	
		20	M	
		18	M	
		13	M	
		9	M	
		11	F	Sister
		11	F	
		6	M	
		44	M	Laborer

## Elmer E Geist

BIRTH 25 JUL 1864 • Pennsylvania, USA

DEATH Unknown

Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Notes
Harold	Son	M	5	
Geist Elmer E.	Head	M	46	24 4 2
— Carrie E.	Wife	F	40	24 4 2
— Raymond L.	Son	M	22	S
— Allen E.	Son	M	12	S

## Family

### Parents



**Conrad Geist**

1799–1878



**Martha Ann Baskins**

1823–1880

### Siblings ▼

### Spouse & Children



**Carrie E Carver**

1870–



**Raymond Leonard  
Geist**

1888–1963



**Arthur Conrad Geist**

1890–



**Allen Carver Geist**

1898–1961