

Fred Pranter
Sioux City 1888
(1864 – 1933)

Fred Prauter

Bats: Unknown • **Throws:** Unknown

Full Name: Fred F. Prauter

Teams Played For Share & more ▼ [Glossary](#)

Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
1888	--	Sioux City Corn Huskers	Western Association	A				
1889	--	Aspen	Colorado State League	N/A				

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Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
1895	--	Ottumwa	Eastern Iowa League	Ind			1895-08-22	1895-08-25
1896	--	Chanute/Emporia	Kansas State League	N/A				

BBRefID = praute001fre
prante001--- (Fort Smith in 1887)
prante001fre (Ottumwa 1895, Chanute/Emporia 1896)

Fred Pranter was born in 1864 (according to his gravestone) in Illinois to Frederick and Wilhemina Pranter. Frederick and Wilhemina immigrated from Vienna, Austria in 1856, eventually settling in Springfield, Missouri. They had thirteen children, nine of whom were still living in 1898 at the time of Frederick's death. Wilhemina died in 1894. Pranter was catching for amateur clubs as early as 1885. In 1886 and 1887, he played for Fort Smith, Arkansas in the Southwest League. In 1888, he played with Newton in the Western League, where he was teammates with Julie Freeman and Charlie Blanchard. When Sioux City joined the Western Association, Pranter and Blanchard left Newton to join that club. Pranter played in 15 games for Sioux City before being released in early August.<P>

In 1889, Pranter helped organized a club in Springfield for which he played prior to a stint in Aspen, Colorado. He was in Colorado in July and August of 1889. At the time of his return, the *Springfield Daily Leader* wrote "He is one of the catchers who does not have to hunt for a club, because the clubs are always hunting for such players as our ex-catcher" (August 14, 1889). He was again involved in organizing a club in Springfield in 1890, and in 1891 he signed to play in Joplin, Missouri. He continued to play for small clubs in Missouri throughout the 1890s (such as the Ozark Invincibles in 1895), along with a stint in Ottumwa, Iowa in 1895 and in Chanute, Kansas in 1896.<P>

When he wasn't playing baseball, Fred Pranter was a painter. His father was a painter, and Fred and brother Arthur ran a painting business together until Arthur's death in 1929. Fred married Anna Pearl Jackson in 1898, and they had three children. When Fred died in January 1933, the *Springfield News-Leader* ran a full column-length article describing his career. He was described as being one of the fathers of baseball in Springfield, "cutting capers on the diamond before Comiskey made the St. Louis Browns famous" (January 24, 1933).

IS THE SCORE :			
OSWEGO.		SPRINGFIELD.	
	R. O.		R. O.
Miller, s s.....	1 4	Green s s.....	2 3
Hutton, c.....	1 2	Shields, c.....	2 3
Smith, l f.....	2 3	Parker, c f.....	1 4
Sawyer, 1st b.....	2 3	Jacobus, s s.....	0 5
Whitney, 3d b.....	1 4	Bellows, 3d b.....	3 1
Macon, c f.....	1 4	Roberts, 1st b.....	1 1
Woodruff, r f.....	1 4	Corlon, r f.....	1 4
Cooper, 2d b.....	2 2	Mopkins, l f.....	2 3
Wheeler, p.....	3 1	Pranter, 2d.....	1 3
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SECOND GAME.			
Hutton, c.....	0 2	Green, p.....	1 3
Smith, l f.....	0 3	Williams, p.....	0 2
Sawyer, 1st b.....	0 3	Shields, c.....	1 2
Whitney, 3d b.....	0 3	Parker, c f.....	0 0
Macon, c f.....	0 2	Jacobus, s s.....	0 2
Woodruff, r f.....	0 2	Bellows, 3d b.....	0 3
Miller, s s.....	2 0	Roberts, 1st b.....	1 2
Cooper, 2d b.....	0 2	Corlon, r f.....	0 2
Wheeler, p.....	0 1	Pranter, 2d b.....	0 2
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Labette County Democrat July 16, 1885

BASE BALL.

The next event of the afternoon was the base ball game. Arrangements had been entered into by the management for a contest between the Pleasanton and Columbus nine; but as neither nine put in an appearance an impromptu game was started and a picked nine, composed of the following gentlemen, gave the Boston Shoe House nine a good practice game.

PICKED NINE.

Bayless, 2 b.	Doran, r. f.
Pranter, c.	Finn, c. f.
Myers, l. f.	Jackson, 3d.
Kelso, 1b.	Woolm, p.
Lewes, s. s.	

The Boston Shoe House nine was first to bat. Jacobson and Hassa

Fort Scott Weekly Monitor October 8, 1885

THE SCORE.

LITTLE ROCK.	AB	R	1B	TB	PO	A	E
Kelting, 1b.....	5	1	0	0	9	0	0
Smith, p.....	5	2	1	1	1	14	0
Callender, c.....	5	1	2	2	8	1	0
Lauman, 3b.....	5	3	2	2	2	1	0
Tracy, lf.....	5	2	3	4	0	0	0
Corcoran, s. s.....	5	1	1	1	1	0	0
Steinhof, 2b.....	4	1	4	4	2	3	0
Welch, c. f.....	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, r. f.....	4	0	1	1	0	C	0
Totals.....	43	12	14	15	24	19	0
FORT SMITH.	AB	R	1B	TB	PO	A	E
Bridendolph, p & s s	3	0	0	0	0	4	2
Ashby, s. s. and r. f.	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
Roberts, p. and s. s.	3	0	0	0	0	3	1
Barnes, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	2
Pranter, c.....	3	0	0	0	10	2	1
Parker, 1b and 3b..	3	0	0	0	4	4	2
Eberie, r. f. and 1b..	3	0	0	0	4	0	0
Figuera, l. f.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	3
Murphy, c. f.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
Totals.....	27	0	0	0	24	14	12

Daily Arkansas Gazette September 22, 1886

Totals	15	46	13	*23	18	11
FORT SMITH.	R	AB	IB	PO	A	E
Pender, 3b	2	5	0	1	3	0
Hansen, 1b	1	5	1	13	0	0
Mundinger, c & rf	0	4	1	0	0	0
Fudger, ss	1	4	1	1	*4	1
Burns, 2b	1	4	0	3	2	2
Pranter, cf & e	1	1	0	9	0	1
Sears, p	1	4	1	4	1	1
Mortz, lf	1	4	2	1	0	0
Freeman, rf & cf	1	4	1	1	0	0
Totals	9	38	7	24	10	5

Daily Arkansas Gazette May 17, 1887

Fort Smith and Little Rock.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 19.—[Special.]—
The game of baseball in this city to-day between the Fort Smith and local club was won by the former. Score: 10 to 5. Freeman and Pranter for Fort Smith and Fischer and Lighton for the locals were the batteries. The Fort Smith go to Pine Bluff to-morrow.

Times-Picayune May 20, 1887

DEAR SIR—Your telegram received this morning will be there Monday evening sure. Advertise well as I will have a strong team, also the finest uniforms ever seen in the west. Below is our batting list for Tuesday:
Blanchard, C. F.; Adams, L. F;
Bailey, 1st B.; Conboy, 3d B; Grove, R. F.; Howard. S. S.; Freeman, P.; Prauter, C.; Ward. 2nd B.
Wednesday: Blanchard, P. and Freeman C. F.
Respectfully,
DICK JUVENAL.

Evening Kansan (Newton KS) May 26, 1888

Blanchard and Pranter have signed with Sioux City, of the Western association, and left for that city last evening.

The Evening Kansan July 3, 1888

Base Ball Notes.

Pranter, who caught in the Newton league, and Whiteley, the big left fielder of the Hutchinsons, were released by Sioux City Saturday.

The Evening Kansan (Newton, KS) Monday August 13, 1888

A CLUB ORGANIZED.

Springfield Has a Base Ball Club at Last—The First Game.

Fred Pranter has been making an effort for the last week or so to organize a base ball club. Last night his efforts were successful and a strong combination was formed. The following is a list of the players: Pranter, c.; Williams, p.; Lee, 1 b.; Matthews, 2 b.; Goldsmith, 3 b.; Smith, s. s.; Hubble, c. f.; Dean, r. f., and Schmalherst, l. f.

Several of the members have more than a local reputation. Williams is

Springfield Daily Leader May 23, 1889

SPRINGFIELD.		KIMBALL'S H. G.	
Pranter, -	c.	Beasler, -	c.
Smith or Goldsmith p		Tracey, -	p.
Smith, Goldsmith, s s		Lee, - -	s. s.
Lee, - -	1 b.	Galvin, -	1 b.
Mathews, -	2 b.	Dickbrader, -	2 b.
Williams, - -	3 b.	Noonan, -	3 b.
Dean -	r. f.	Loring, -	r. f.
Schmalherst, -	l. f.	Axtell, -	l. f.
Hubbell, - -	c. f.	Thousand, -	c. f.

SHORT STOPS.

Pranter says they won't steal second on him.

Everybody knows "our Tommy" on

Springfield Daily Leader May 30, 1889

COLO SPRINGS	AB	R	BH.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.	SB.	
Lytle, c	3	3	1	0	7	1	1	2	
Genalvin, 2d b	5	2	3	0	1	3	0	0	
Newman, c f	5	1	2	1	2	0	1	2	
Breckenridge, 1st b	5	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	
Valelly, 3d b	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	
McMason, 1 f	5	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	
Lynch, s s	4	1	2	1	2	4	0	1	
Hendricks, 1 f	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fitzgerald, p	3	0	0	1	0	8	1	0	
Totals	38	8	9	3	27	17	4	6	

ASPEN	AB	R	BH.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.	SB.	
Smith, r f	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
Taylor, l. f	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
Adams, c.	4	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	
Marcum, 1st b	4	1	1	0	11	0	0	0	
Ward, s s	4	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	
Decker, c. f	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Brittain, 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Pranter, 2b.	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Castone, p	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	
Totals	33	3	6	0	27	16	2	1	

SCORE BY INNINGS

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Colo, Springs	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	8
Aspen	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3

Weekly Gazette (Colorado Springs) July 27, 1889

Fred Pranter, our old catcher, has returned from Aspen, Col., and will probably catch again for the Boston Stores, but this is entirely for Pranter to decide. He is one of the catchers who does not have to hunt for a club, because the clubs are always hunting for such players as our ex-catcher.

Springfield Daily Leader August 14, 1889

Base Ball.

Those who are interested in the national game will be glad to know that the prospect for a local club this season is bright and that a strong organization will be effected as soon as the funds necessary to that end are secured. Fred Pranter, the great catcher, is circulating a subscription paper, and all who enjoy base ball should help the cause along. Springfield last year had the best club, outside of the professional organizations, in the state, and she bore away laurels from all competitors. There is no good reason why this supremacy should not be maintained.

Springfield Daily Leader June 6, 1890

The Joplin News says: Joplin is to have a base ball team this season. Parties who have taken an interest in the matter have finally succeeded in securing enough money to support a first-class club. Work has commenced this morning on a new park in the northeast part of the city within easy reach of the electric street car line. The team will be made up with first-class players. Among those already signed are Fabian, Burris and Dawkins of last year's club; Jack Pettiford, the best batter and runner of the old Texas league; Fred Pranter, a number one back-stop who has also done clever work in Texas. A number of other good men will be signed and the team will be completed in a few days.

Springfield Leader and Press April 9, 1891

Every one should remember that Joplin is soon to have a ball team that will be a credit to the city. From the present outlook the team will be composed of the following players: Burris and McCormack pitchers. Pranter catcher, Tennant first base, Spider Sampson second, Edgeman third, Dixon short stop. Harris left field, Turnley center, Dorty right.—Joplin Daily News.

The Daily World (Pittsburg KS) May 27, 1893

appear given on the police register.

Baseball at Ozark.

Fred Pranter will go to Ozark today in company with Capt. Johnson, of that city, to groom and place in good trim the old Ozark Invincible baseball team. It is expected that a game will be arranged in Springfield next week.

Springfield Leader and Press May 9, 1895

MINUS A CATCHER.

Fred Pranter Will Go to Ottumwa, Ia., To-Night to Play Ball.

Fred Pranter, who has been catching for the Springfield baseball team, has resigned and will leave tonight for Ottumwa, Ia., where he has accepted a similar position. This leaves the local club without a catcher, as Swineford has gone to Bentonville, Ark. It is not known who will fill the vacancy. Pranter played most of the season with Ozark.

Springfield Leader and Press Aug 20, 1895

At the home of the bride's parents, in Springfield, Miss Pearl D. Jackson and Mr. Fred F. Pranter, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, were married in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the family, Rev. D. W. Moore, pastor of the South Street Christian church officiating. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson of Springfield. She has been filling the position of stenographer for the Republic Milling company for the past six or seven months. The groom is a Springfield, and holds a position with the above-named firm. They arrived Monday morning on the 7:30 train, and

Springfield Leader and Press April 23, 1898

F. PRANTER DEAD.

A Well Known Resident of Springfield
Died This Morning.

F. Pranter, sr., died at 6 o'clock this morning of old age at his home, 429 east Pine street. He was one of the oldest, best known and respected citizens of Springfield. He was born in Vienna, Austria, January 19, 1823, and came to America 42 years ago, first residing in Illinois and Iowa. He came to Springfield in 1874, and was a painter by occupation.

He was married before emigrating to this country, and his wife died four years ago. They were the parents of 13 children, of whom nine are still living.

The funeral will take place tomorrow

Springfield Leader and Press October 23, 1898
I'm betting this is Fred Pranter's (the ballplayer) father

Springfield is bringing the strongest bunch of professional talent seen in this section in many a day. Lawrence Milton, a Three I league pitcher, and who is signed to play with the St. Louis National league team next season, will pitch one of the games. Fred Pranter, who played ball in this city in the days of Pink Hawley and Joe McGinnity, will do the backstop work for the Missourians. Henry Cross, a Sedalia league player, will play second. The rest of the team will be strong in every particular.

Fort Smith Time October 16, 1902

Pranter, the old, the feeble and it could be said, "the lame, the halt and the blind," he of other days, was behind the bat for the visitors. From the line up of the visitors received in advance of the team, the fans were regretting that Fred was not among the players. Negotiations for getting Schmidt failed so Pranter came to do the receiving. He is not the catcher now that he was even last season, for a street sweeper or road scraper could steal on him and he has lost his batting eye. When Pranter was the idol of the small boy, when he played here in the 80's, he was in the habit of swatting the ball to all the corners and some of the curves of the lot.

Fort Smith Times May 31, 1903

Fred Pranter, of the Ozark Invincibles, had his left arm broken while playing ball with a team in Iowa and is now in Springfield, unable to leave his room. We are sorry to learn of the accident.

Mr. M. H. Kessinger. U. S. A. \$1

"Nineteen years ago in Ozark," Christian County Republican (Ozark, MO) September 18, 1914

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places were filled with present day players. All the Springfield players were old vets sure enough, with such men as the McMillans, Bill Day, Sam Townsend, Fred Pranter and "Dutch Morris" in the line up all of whom were gray haired veteran ball tossers. They played a good game and stayed in the game till the agony was over.

Score by Innings

Springfield: 000, 100, 000, 000,
100, 000, 000, 000, 000, total 2.

Ozark: 5, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000
100,000, total 6.

Christian County Republican (Ozark, MO) August 13, 1915

This is the same Fred Pranter...

A LARGE DELEGATION of Springfield master painters is expected to attend the national convention of the Master Painters and Decorators' association in Kansas City on August 7, 8, and 9. George McMillan of Springfield will read a paper on "Publicity." Those expected to attend from here are: Mr. and Mrs. Percy Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pranter, Mr. and Mrs. Al Clark, H. A. Westfall, J. J. Peak, George Player, E. H. Fehr and Clyde Powell.

Springfield News-Leader Aug 3, 1916

FRED F. PRANTER

Funeral services for Fred F. Pranter, 68, painting contractor, who died at 8:30 p. m., Sunday, at his home, following a lingering illness, will be held at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, in the Floyd W. Fox Funeral home, with burial in Hazelwood cemetery. Mr. Pranter was born in Illinois and came to Springfield about 50 years ago. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 213. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Pearl Pranter; two daughters, Miss Rowena Pranter of Springfield and Mrs. W. J. Van Nice of St. Louis; one son, Harold J. Pranter of Springfield; two brothers, Dr. V. O. Pranter and John A. Pranter of Springfield, and two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Pesperman and Mrs. W. G. Williamson, both of Tulsa, Okla. Pallbearers will be W. L. Budlong, Joe Harris, Ray Hoffman, Cecil Roberts, Harry Fitch and Harry Devore.

Springfield (MO) Press Jan 23 1933

Old Ball Player Passes.

Fred F. Pranter, 68, died at his home in Springfield Sunday. Mr. Pranter had been a painting contractor for many years, but in his younger days played professional baseball with Kansas City, Milwaukee and other clubs.

Pranter is well remembered by old-time baseball fans of Greenfield, having caught a game here for the local team

The Greenfield Vidette Jan 26, 1933




Photo added by Lyle & Marsha

Fred F. Pranter, Jr

BIRTH 7 Jul 1864
Illinois, USA

DEATH 22 Jan 1933 (aged 68)
Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, USA

BURIAL Hazelwood Cemetery
Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, USA

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Missouri death certificate # 1032 male, white, married. Wife listed as Perl Jackson Pranter. Occupation was decorator. Father and mother shown as Fred and Wilhelmania [Lutz] Pranter both of Austriat, must have meant Australia. Interred date Jan. 24, 1933. Informant Mrs. Fred F Pranter.

Note, death certificate gave year of birth as 1965.


He has a brother Dr. Victor O. Pranter buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, lot 660. He was a dentist.



Frederick F "Fred" Pranter

William Andrew Jackson Family Tree


Spouse: Anna Pearl Jackson
 Father: Frederick Pranter
 Mother: Wilhemina Lutz
 Children: Maude Louise
 Birth: 7 Jul 1865 Illinois, USA
 Death: 22 Jan 1933 Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA
 Residence: 1920 Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA



Frederick F "Fred" Pranter


BIRTH 07 JUL 1865 • Illinois, USA
DEATH 22 JAN 1933 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA


Birth
07 Jul 1865 • Illinois, USA
6 Sources

Marriage
17 Apr 1898 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA
 **Anna Pearl Jackson**
(1878-1966)
3 Sources


Family


Parents


 **Frederick Pranter**
1823-1898


 **Wilhemina Lutz**
1834-1894

Spouse & Children

 **Anna Pearl Jackson**
1878-1966

 **Rowena E Pranter**
1899-1982

 **Harold Jackson Pranter**
1902-1976

 **Maude Louise Pranter**
1905-1981

357 370	Frederick Fred	11/27/57	Son	1	Paper-hanger	5	Missouri	Germany	USA
	Wilhelmina	11/28/44		1	Keeping house		Austria	Austria	Austria
	Fred	11/28/55	Son	1			Illinois	Austria	Austria
	Arthur	11/27/54	Son	1			Illinois	Austria	Austria
	Alice	11/28/52	Daughter	1			Illinois	Austria	Austria
	Emma	11/28/56	Daughter	1			Missouri	Austria	Austria
	Orator	11/27/54	Son	1			Missouri	Austria	Austria
	John	11/27/54	Son	1			Missouri	Austria	Austria

1880 Census