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	То
1888		Sioux City Corn Huskers	Western Association	Α				
1889		<u>Aspen</u>	Colorado State League	N/A				

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

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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 <i>Springfield Daily Leader</i> 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 <i>Springfield News-Leader</i> 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).

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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, i. 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

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Daily Arkansas Gazette September 22, 1886

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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 Sloux 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

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   Williams, - - 3 b. Noonan, -
   Dean - r. f. Loring. - r. f. Schmalherst, - l. f. Axtell, - l. f.
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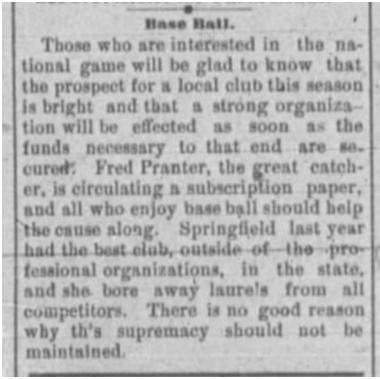
Springfield Daily Leader May 30, 1889

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Weekly Gazette (Colorado Springs) July 27, 1889

Fred Pranter, our old catcher, has returned from Aspen, Col., and will probably eatch 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



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 firstclass 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. 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

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.

### MINUS A CATCHER.

Fred Pranter Will Go to Ottumwa, la., 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 of-

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, 422 éast 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 awatting 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 exwhile playing ball with a team in drawa and is now in Springfield, munable to leave his room. We are as sorry to learn of the accident.

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

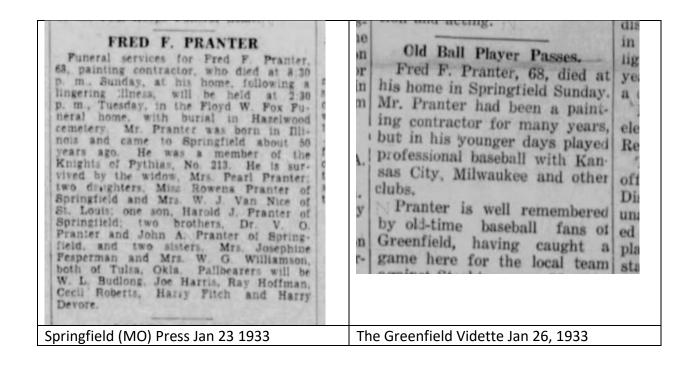
"Nineteen years ago in Ozark," Christian County Republican (Ozark, MO) September 18, 1914

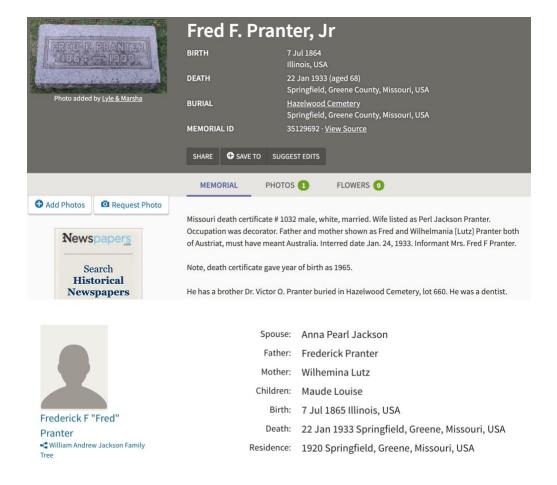
of places were filled with present day ad players. All the Springfield players for were old vets sure enough, such men as the McMillans, Bill ter. Day. Sam Townsend, Fred Pranter om and "Dutch Morris" in the line up at all of whom were gray haired vetoreran ball tossers. They played a uit good game and stayed in the game me till the agony was over. rk-Score by Innings at. Springfield: 000, 100, 000, 000, ols 100, 000, 000, 000, 000, total 2. for Ozark: 5, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000 100,000, total 6.

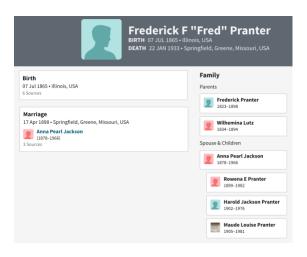
Christian County Republican (Ozark, MO) August 13, 1915
This is the same Fred Pranter...



Springfield News-Leader Aug 3, 1916







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