


Bill Traffley

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Positions: Catcher, Shortstop and Second Baseman
Bats: Right • **Throws:** Right
 5-11, 185lb (180cm, 83kg)
Born: [December 21, 1859](#) in Staten Island, [NY](#) 
Died: [June 23, 1908](#) (Aged 48-185d) in Des Moines, [IA](#)
Buried: Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, IA
Last Game: July 29, 1886 (Age 26-220d)
Rookie Status: Exceeded rookie limits during 1883 season
Full Name: William Franklin Traffley
[View Player Info](#) from the [B-R Bullpen](#)
[View Player Bio](#) from the [SABR BioProject](#)
Relatives: Brother of [John Traffley](#)

Possibly born William Trefflich

[Detail](#) [Source](#)


Name: William Trefflich
 Record Type: Burial
 Death Date: 23 Jun 1908
 Burial Date: 25 Jun 1908
 Church Name: St Paul
 Church Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Teams Played For

Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
1878	18	Chicago White Stockings	National League	Maj	CHC	1		
1879	19	Omaha Green Stockings	Northwestern League		N/A			
1883	23	Cincinnati Red Stockings	American Association	Maj	CIN	1		
1884	24	Baltimore Orioles	American Association	Maj	BAL	1		
1885	25	Baltimore Orioles	American Association	Maj	BAL	1		
1886	26	Minneapolis Millers	Northwestern League		N/A			
1886	26	Duluth Jayhawks	Northwestern League		N/A			
1886	26	Baltimore Orioles	American Association	Maj	BAL	1		
1887	27	Toronto Canucks	International Association		N/A			
1888	28	Des Moines Prohibitionists	Western Association		A			
1889	29	Des Moines Prohibitionists	Western Association		N/A			
1890	30	Lincoln Rustlers/Des Moines Prohibitionist	Western Association		N/A			
1891	31	Omaha Lambs	Western Association		N/A			
1891	31	Lincoln Rustlers	Western Association		N/A			
1892	32	Deadwood Metropolitans	Black Hills League		N/A			
1893	33	Kansas City Blues	Western Association		N/A		1893-05-28	1893-06-07
1894	34	Des Moines Prohibitionists	Western Association		A			
1895	35	Des Moines Prohibitionists/Indians	Western Association		B		1895-05-02	1895-09-25
1896	36	Des Moines Prohibitionists	Western Association		B			
1897	37	Quincy Little Giants	Western Association		B		1897-05-04	1897-07-15
1898	38	Hartford Cooperatives	Atlantic League		B		1898-04-27	1898-07-06

Managing

Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	G	W	L	W-L%
1892	32	Deadwood	BHLL	N/A		1 of 1			
1894	34	Des Moines	WA	A		1 of 1			
1895	35	Des Moines	WA	B		1 of 1			
1896	36	Des Moines	WA	B		1 of 1			
1897	37	Quincy	WA	B		1 of 2			
1898	38	Hartford	ATLL	B		1 of 2	133	57	76
6 Seasons						133	57	76	.429
B (4 seasons)						133	57	76	.429
A (1 season)									
N/A (1 season)									



William F Traffley
 BIRTH 21 DECEMBER 1859 • Staten Island, Richmond County (Staten Island), New York, United States of America
 DEATH 23 JUNE 1908 • Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, United States of America

Family

Parents

- Unknown father
- Unknown mother

Spouse and children

- [Ella Permelia Groom](#) 1868-1941
- [Ella Traffley](#) 1887-1962
- [Nettie R. Traffley](#) 1889-1963
- [Lillie Traffley](#) 1891-
- [William Traffley Jr.](#) 1897-1913
- [Harold Edward Traffley](#) 1900-

Rites Saturday For Mrs. Traffley

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Traffley, 73, of 1861 Arlington ave., will be at 1:30 p. m. Saturday at Dunn's funeral home. Burial will be in Woodland cemetery.

Mrs. Traffley, a Des Moines resident for 50 years, died Wednesday at her home after suffering a stroke.

She was the widow of William (Dad) Traffley, manager of the championship Des Moines baseball team of 1888.

Mrs. Traffley is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Nate Cohen, Mrs. Frank Dovic, and Mrs. William Fettsold; and one son, Harold, all of Des Moines. The son is a city police officer.



Name: William Traffley
 Age: 39
 Birth Date: Dec 1860
 Birthplace: New York, USA
 Home in 1900: Baltimore Ward 9, Baltimore City (Independent City), Maryland
 Ward of City: 9
 Street: E Biddle Street
 House Number: 2221
 Sheet Number: 17
 Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation: 330
 Family Number: 336
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Relation to Head of House: Head
 Marital Status: Married
 Spouse's Name: Ella Traffley
 Marriage Year: 1886
 Years Married: 14
 Father's Birthplace: New York, USA
 Mother's Birthplace: New York, USA
 Occupation: Brass Bale Manager
 Months Not Employed: 4
 Can Read: Yes
 Can Write: Yes
 Can Speak English: Yes
 House Owned or Rented: Rent
 Farm or House: F

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
William Traffley	39	Head
Ella Traffley	32	Wife
Ella Traffley	12	Daughter
Nettie Traffley	10	Daughter
Lilie Traffley	8	Daughter
William F Traffley	3	Son

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 02 May 1897, Sun - Page 3

... across the bleachers and field the attendance numbered 2,000." Manager Traffley of Quincy has signed a new player, Charles Franklin Traffley, weight 11 pounds, who arrived a few evenings ago. Mother and babe are doing well. Traffley says he hopes his friends will now be convinced that the rumor that he is 92 years old is not true.

William, not Charles...

The Des Moines Register
 27 Jan 1913, Mon - Page 5

William Traffley, Jr.

William Traffley, Jr., the 16-year-old son of Mrs. Ella Traffley, died Saturday evening at the home in the Baker block, Sixth and Grand avenues, after an illness of a year. His father, William Traffley, one time manager of the Des Moines baseball club, died seven years ago. Besides his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Ella Cohen, Mrs. Nettie Petzold and Mrs. Lillian Dowie, and a younger brother, Harold, survive. Funeral services will be held at the Central Church of Christ at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment in Woodland cemetery.

Name: Wm. Traffley
 Age: 23
 Birth Date: Abt 1857
 Birthplace: New Jersey
 Home in 1880: Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, USA
 Street: G 14th St N of Marcy
 House Number: 817
 Dwelling Number: 1
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)
 Marital Status: Married
 Spouse's Name: Eliza Traffley
 Father's Birthplace: Saxony
 Mother's Birthplace: Saxony
 Occupation: Works In Foundry
 Months Not Employed: 3
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Wm. Traffley	23	Self (Head)
Eliza Traffley	22	Wife
Chas. H. Traffley	7/12	Son

The Baltimore Sun
 29 Oct 1885, Thu - Page 2

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.
 TRAFFLEY.—On Tuesday, October 27, ELIZABETH E., aged 27 years, beloved wife of William Traffley. The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 124 Greenmount avenue, this (Thursday) afternoon, at three o'clock. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.
 WHITRIDGE.—On Monday afternoon, October 26,

Age is right

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for William Traffley
 Maryland > Baltimore > 1885 > Baltimore, Maryland, City Directory, 1885
 Traders Ins. Co. of Chicago, 5 Second
Traders National Bank, Clayton
 Cannon, cashr, German e Grant
 Traeger Clemence, lab, h 18 Clement
 Traeller, Henry, cabinetmkr, h 84 Orleans
Traffley Wm, base ball, h 111 Green'mt av
 Trager Bros (Henry and Wm Trager), barbers, 125 Gough
 Trager Chas, lab, bds 191 Aliceanna

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for William Traffley
 Maryland > Baltimore > 1886 > Baltimore, Maryland, City Directory, 1886
 Traders Ins. Co. of Chicago, 5 German
 Traders National Bank, s e cor German and Grant
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 Traeger Fred. baker, 69 e Pratt
 Traffley John, bartender, 109 Greenmount av
Traffley Wm. saloon, Holliday and Baltimore,
 dw 109 Greenmount av
 Trager Andw. tanner, 214 s Bethel
 Trager Danl. clerk Henry Mormann. dw 201

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 442 ORDER NUMBER 1963
 1 Charles Henry Traffley
 2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS 214 W 27 Kearny Buffalo Ind
 3 Age in Years 39 Date of Birth Nov 5 1879
 RACE White
 U. S. CITIZEN Naturalized
 16 Occupation Salesman 17 Employer's Name Kopan Bros
 18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS David City Ind
 NEAREST RELATIVE Name Estella Traffley Address 214 W 27 Kearny Buffalo Ind
 I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
 P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Red) Charles Henry Traffley

Name: Charles Traffley
 Gender: Male
 Marital Status: Single
 Race: White
 Birth Place: Nebraska
 Marriage Date: 07 Apr 1916
 Marriage Place: Newton, IA.
 Father: W. F. Traffley
 Spouse: Stella Hartley
 FHL Film Number: 1863448
 Reference ID: 2:3VMQNS9

Sent back to Omaha after mother died?

First wife and child...

William Traffley

BIRTH 1857 • New Jersey, United States

DEATH Unknown

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Sources

Ancestry sources



1880 United States
Federal Census



Ancestry Family Trees

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Family

Parents



Johann August Traffley
1831-1895



**Katherine Caroline
Schneider**
1827-1917

Siblings ^



Henry Traffley
1854-



Fred E. Traffley
1858-



John Traffley
1867-



Mary Traffley
1868-1949

Spouse



Elizabeth
1858-

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Family

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Johann Aug Traffley
Birth Date:	abt 1833
Birth Place:	Wolfershausen, Germany
Death Date:	11 Nov 1895
Death Place:	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial Place:	Rose Hill
Death Age:	62
Occupation:	Laborer
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Married
Gender:	Male
Residence:	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
FHL Film Number:	1033022
Name:	Mary Treffey [Mary Treffley]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Age:	19
Birth Date:	abt 1869
Birth Place:	Chicago, Illinois
Marriage Date:	7 Feb 1888
Marriage Place:	Muskegon, Muskegon, Michigan, USA
Residence Place:	Muskegon, Michigan
Father:	August Treffley
Mother:	Caroline Schneider
Spouse:	Joseph Made
Record Number:	139
Name:	August Trefflich
Age in 1870:	42
Birth Date:	abt 1828
Birthplace:	Prussia
Dwelling Number:	597
Home in 1870:	Chicago Ward 17, Cook, Illinois
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Post Office:	Chicago
Occupation:	Teamster
Father of Foreign Birth:	Yes
Mother of Foreign Birth:	Yes
Male Citizen Over 21:	Yes
Personal Estate Value:	1000
Inferred Spouse:	Katherina Trefflich
Inferred Children:	Henry Trefflich Willie Trefflich Fred Trefflich John Trefflich Marie Trefflich
Household Members (Name)	
August Trefflich	42
Katherina Trefflich	43
Henry Trefflich	16
Willie Trefflich	14
Fred Trefflich	11
John Trefflich	9
Marie Trefflich	

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for August Trafflch

Illinois > Chicago > 1869 > Chicago, Illinois, City Directory, 1869

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Traeder Albert, organmaker, r. 122 Fry
 Traemper Waldin, brassworker, r. 50 Superior
 Trafe William, teamster, r. 156 Augusta
Trafflch August, teamster, r. 196 Schiller
 Traffle August, lab. r. 169 Schiller
 Trafton Edwin H. reporter and correspondent, Chi-
 cago Evening Journal, r. 318 Wabash av.
 Trager Abram (Trager & Garfunkel)
 Trager John, barber, bds. Champlin house

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for August Traffly

Illinois > Chicago > 1867 > Chicago, Illinois, City Directory, 1867

lund, r. 195 Fulton

Traeger Abraham, agt. M. Garfinkle, r. 328 La-
 Salle
 Traeger Rachel, salesman, M. Garfinkle
 Traeter Albert, organbuilder, r. 122 Fry
Traffly August, teamster, r. 196 Schiller
 Trafton E. H. correspondent, bds. 669 Archer av.
 Trager Frederick, engineer, r. 208 Wabash

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for August Trafly

Illinois > Chicago > 1872 > Chicago, Illinois, City Directory, 1872

TRADESMAN'S INSURANCE CO. of New
 York, Henry H. Brown, agt. room 30, 92 Market
 Traeder Albert, carpenter, U. & N. W. Ry. shops, r.
 208 2d
 Traeder Charles, cigarmkr. Charles Frieberg
 w. **Trafly August**, teamster, r. 153 North av.
 Trafton Edwin H. editor, r. 132 Throop
 Tragardh Rudolph, florist, r. 125 Hurlbut
 Tragnetz Charles, carpenter, r. 198 Mitchell

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for August Traffly

Illinois > Chicago > 1878 > Chicago, Illinois, City Directory, 1878

agts. 158 Laſalle
Traechsler Fritz, porter, houſe 13 Seward
Traeger Albert, grocer 520 Blue Island av.
Traeger Frederick, ſtoves 695 S. Halſted
e Traffly August, driver, houſe 136 Dayton
s. Trafford Henry V. porter, h 333 W. Waſhingt
Traffort William H. pattenmkr. houſe 214 N

The Inter Ocean

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with a deadly weapon.

A PERSISTENT SUITOR.

A SOLID HINT AT LAST WORKS.

Henry Kohl, a teamster, 23 years of age, called on the daughter of August Traffley, of No. 521 Larrabee street, yesterday afternoon, but his presence was unwelcome to the father, because Miss Traffley is only 15 years old. Traffley ordered Kohl out several times, but Kohl, having come to stay, was not to be driven away so easily. The parent, finding his commands disregarded, picked up an iron poker and belabored Kohl over the head, inflicting a scalp wound an inch and a quarter long. Kohl took the hint and left, but, owing to the thickness of his skull, walked away without showing any signs of being seriously hurt, and had his wound dressed.