

Tom Turner
Chicago 1888

Thomas Turner

Positions: First Baseman and Outfielder

Bats: Unknown • **Throws:** Unknown

5-8, 180lb (173cm, 81kg)

Full Name: Thomas Turner

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

Year	Age	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	Stint	From	To
1888	--	Chicago Maroons	Western Association	A				
1888	--	Peoria Reds	Central Interstate League	N/A				
1889	--	Denver Grizzlies/Mountaineers	Western Association	N/A				
1889	--	Minneapolis Millers	Western Association	N/A				
1889	--	Peoria Canaries	Central Interstate League	N/A				
1890	--	Spokane	Pacific Northwest League	N/A				
1891	--	Spokane Bunch Grassers	Pacific Northwestern League	N/A				
1892	--	Portland Webfeet	Pacific Northwest League	B				
1892	--	Oakland Colonels	California League	B				
1895	--	Petersburg Farmers	Virginia State League	B				
1896	--	Norfolk Braves	Virginia League	B			1896-04-16	1896-05-24
1896	--	Richmond Bluebirds	Virginia League	B			1896-06-27	1896-07-11
1896	--	Lynchburg Hill Climbers	Virginia League	B			1896-08-08	1896-08-19
1897	--	Galveston Sandcrabs	Texas League	C				
1897	--	Houston Buffaloes	Texas League	C				
1898	--	Galveston Sandcrabs	Texas League	C			1898-04-09	1898-05-15
1898	--	Detroit Tigers	Western League	A			1898-06-12	1898-07-21
1899	--	Wheeling Stogies	Interstate League	B				
1899	--	Dayton Veterans	Interstate League	B			1899-06-30	1899-08-16
1900	--	Wheeling Stogies	Interstate League	B			1900-04-28	1900-09-02
1901	--	Seattle Clamdiggers	Pacific Northwest League	D				

Documentation for Thomas Turner. After playing for Portland and Seattle in 1901, he stayed in the area, settling in Aberdeen, Washington. He married Phyllis Rasico in 1886 in Edgar, Illinois, only it looks like he married her again in Washington in 1906.

Ten players are now under engagement to play in Decatur. They are Callender, Staley, Farrell, Lawrence, Turner, Royce, Mills, Conley, Devore and Hardin. Ferrell comes from Indianapolis. He plays short stop. Lawrence is a pitcher and general player, and his home is in Plainfield, Ind. Turner is an outfielder and has been playing with the Paris club. Royce comes from Bloomington. He is a general player. Mills is a boiler maker at the Novelty works. He will

Herald and Review (Decatur IL) May 18, 1887

Base Ball.

The Decatur team got home last night at 11 o'clock. They did well on this trip, winning two hard games out of four. Turner was released before leaving Sunday night, but no new men have been engaged.

Decatur Daily Republican September 2, 1887

Base Ball.

Tom Turner, the sure miss centre fielder, is at Paris. He is in correspondence with Peoria.

Decatur Daily Republican December 2, 1887

Peoria—George Hartel, George H. Nulton, catchers, Charles Bartson, D. C. Kurtz, Mat Keogan, pitchers, W. A. Schwartz, first base, C. J. Roberts, second base, H. Burquier, third base, James O'Brien, short stop, John Reeves, left field; Thomas Turner, centre field. Charles E. Flynn, manager

Decatur Daily Republican April 6, 1888

Tom Turner, of Paris, was in the city to-day on his way to Peoria, where he will play ball with the league club.

Decatur Weekly Republican April 12, 1888

GAME TO DAY.

The Decatur and Peorias will play at the park this afternoon. The Peorias arrived yesterday. Tom Turner, of last season's Decatur club, is with the visitors. He will cover the middle garden for them. The Decatur expect to win their first game to-day. Manager Hurley will have

Decatur Herald and Review May 9, 1888

SCRUB BALL.

Rock Island Players Fill a "Busted" Date in Davenport.

The Peoria club of the Interstate league collapsed Saturday night. The fly team from the distillery city dropped three straight games to the Bloomington boys last week and couldn't survive so many defeats. Win or "bust" was the motto of the Peorias, and they "busted." The Peorias were due in Davenport yesterday for the first of a series of three games under the newly revised schedule. Owing to delay in the telegraph office at Davenport, Manager Ligon was


Rock Island Argus July 30, 1888

Peoria will probably retain Nulton, Turner, Reeves, Burquin, Bartson, Keogan and Roberts for the nucleus of a club to be organized for amateur games. Jack Brennan, who was here last year.

Decatur Daily Republican August 2, 1888

that resulted in a fight, and Larry got the worst of it.
 Sam Morton has signed Nulton, second baseman, and Turner, fielder, formerly of the Peoria club. Sam said yesterday the Maroons would not be sold, but would continue through the season.

Chicago Tribune August 3, 1888



the man who can knock the rotundity out of it is the valuable player." With this idea he has made up his outfield. There is Tom Turner, who used to camp near third base for last year's Maroons; he had a handy habit of knocking the ball into the next county when he got half a chance. This year he will plod about in the center garden for Minneapolis, and make an effort to knock the ball over the West hotel. M. D. West, who will cover right

St. Paul Globe March 3, 1889

Base Ball

Date: Sunday, Aug. 4, 1889 Publication: Yelowine's Illustrated News (Milwaukee, WI, United States)
 Volume: 10, Issue: 228

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the Louisville club next year.
 Sylvester, formerly of Milwaukee; is now an umpire in the California League.
 Minneapolis has released Tom Turner and he has signed with Cincinnati.
 Indianapolis has signed Pete Wood, released last week by Philadelphia.

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, Minnesota) • 04 Aug 1889, Sun • Page 11 i

<p>their l, they idered ves of every-</p>	<p>Denver got a little the worst of it in trading Sileh for Kirby. Tom Turner's friends are glad to see him catch on with Denver. Mulcahey, of Sioux City has ordered Powell to strengthen his batteries. Sherman has returned to Louisville and</p>	<p>W. R. N. Beel G. C. G Pat C S. T. I W. B. A. Mc C. P. I Lynch</p>
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ber of the Spalding base ball club which went to Australia last year. Tom Turner and wife and E.J.Hengle and wife, of the Minneapolis base ball team, were sojourning at the Chateau-gay a few days this week.

Right field—Thomas Turner, from Minneapolis.

Spokane Daily Chronicle April 11, 1890 – With Spokane in 1890

by John Barnes.

THE LADIES' FAVORITE—Tom Turner was born in Paris, Ill., February 13, 1865. His first professional engagement was in 1887 with the Decatur, Ill., club; 1888 with Peoria, Ill., and Chicago Maroons; 1889 with Minneapolis and Denver, and at present he covers center with the Spokanes.

where.

Tom Turner, otherwise known as "Home-run" Turner, is getting in training for the season's work. He has only been training 15 days, but has limbered up enough to run his mile in six minutes. His arm is also getting in good shape.

some heavy hitting, securing a home run, a two-bagger and a single.

The umpiring of "Terrible" Tom Turner, late of the Oakland Club, was all that could be desired. His decisions were all correct, and his judgment on balls and strikes was excellent. He kept the players moving, and the game was played in an hour and thirty-five minutes.

In the first inning Barbour's error and

Portland then Oakland in 1892

Butte, Anaconda, Helena and Phillipsburg would make the best and strongest league that could possibly be organized, and, under a \$700 a month salary limit, as has been agreed upon, it could be made self-sustaining. Butte could put a strong team in the field on very short notice. Ex-Manager Powell, Werrick, Brannan and Flannery are still in the city and Tom Turner, the heavy hitting fielder, formerly with Minneapolis and Spokane, is also here. Caplinger is at his home in Baker City, Oregon, and Marr, Munyan, Gilliland and Bright at Denver, all ready to come on at a moment's notice. Another league meeting will be held in

BASE BALL.

A Chance for Wichita to Secure the Helena, Montana, Team.

New impetus was given to base ball matters here today by an unexpected offer whereby Wichita has a chance of securing an entire team of first class players. The offer comes from Helena, Montana, to transfer their team to this city. It is composed of Jack Brennan and James Wood, catchers; Kid Camp and Andy Dunning, pitchers; Con Strorhers, first base and manager; Joe Warrick, second base; Harry Raymond, short stop; Jack Hueston, third base; Phil Rontcliffe, left field; Tom Turner, center field; and Dan Crotty, rightfield.

This team is said to be an exceedingly

western people are almost unanimous in wishing her success.

Big Tom Turner, who spent a few days in Butte, has gone to Helena and it is probable he will play with the Cracker City's team if a league is organized this season. Turner would make opposing pitchers sick if he were in his old time Chicago Maroon shape, but he is not the ball player he used to be, although a pretty good man yet.

If the sun would only shine bright and

small about that trio.

Strothers, who will leave Kansas City for Jacksonville to-morrow night, has already signed Catcher Jim Ward and Outfielder Tom Turner, two strong Pacific coast players, for his team.

Strothers managed Jacksonville, IL in Western Association

for a dip into the pool of Oblivion. Of the old players, one, "Tom" Turner, is here, running an engine on the stone construction work at the Baltimore & Ohio depot, under President-Contractor Healy. The alderman's avoirdupois is decreasing at a most gratifying rate, and he will walk onto the Island diamond this spring on very fine-drawn lines.

Wheeling Daily Intelligencer Jan 15, 1900

"Home Run Tom" Turner, the old Spokane favorite, has been signed as captain and field manager of the Spokane professional team in the Northwest league. Manager McCloskey of the Tacoma team received a letter from the old center fielder and first baseman yesterday, in which he accepts the offer of the captaincy and says he will arrive in a couple of weeks.

There are but few ball players in the west as well known and as well liked as Tom Turner with his home run tendencies. Last year he captained the Wheeling, W. Va., team in the Interstate league and landed his colors in second place. He will hold down the initial bag for the home team this season.

Spokane Chronicle March 13, 1901

"Home Run" Tom Turner is now ex-captain of the Spokane professional team. He was released from his contract today and will now have to look elsewhere for a job at playing ball. Turner was a good first baseman and a great sticker, that is generally acknowledged; but it is rumored that of late he has been imbibing of beverages that make the eye less sure and the knees unable to carry the body around the bases with the speed necessary for a captain of a professional ball team.

Spokane Chronicle April 15, 1901

But in spite of the above long tale of woe, as we stated before, the outlook is brighter in Seattle than it has been this year. Tom Turner has been signed to play first base, and he made his initial appearance with the locals yesterday. His continual "jolly" on the field should have a "gingery" effect.

Seattle Daily Times June 7, 1901

or now baseball should be played, yet the spirit of charity was there, and even the fats, despite the suffering of carrying their weight about the diamond played with all the vigor of youth and displayed admirable courage. There was nothing really good about the contest other than the excellent display of nerve shown by members of both teams in endeavoring to slug the ball and make good on bases. Tom Turner, second base-

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man for the fats, and an old-time professional ball player, was the hero of the fatmen, and it is needless to say that the "cops" made not the slightest pretense in offering up good ones for his big stick.

In the first inning the fats slugged Tom Delehanty all over the lot, running in nine scores before the smoke had cleared away. Then the policemen took a brace and during the re-

Aberdeen (WA) Herald Oct 21, 1912
Turner was still in Washington

Scranton, Pa., his home. Sam Mills, the first catcher of that team, is now a wealthy lumberman of Lake Mills, Wis. Tom Turner, who was one of the hardest hitters who ever played in the northwest, is now manager of the bar at the Hotel Washington at Aberdeen, and Barnes enjoyed a most pleasant visit with his old center fielder on the occasion of his recent visit to that city. Bill Phillips, the third baseman, has retired from baseball and is now a truly rural gentleman on a farm of

Spokane Review January 24, 1915

Tom. Turner has opened a skating rink, in the R. D. S. hall, on Heron street.

Aberdeen (WA) Herald July 18, 1915

**Tom Turner, Ball Player of '91 Days,
Breezes Into Town to Find Old-Timers**

A portly man of 60 breezed into Frank (Dope) Smith's cigar store Thursday night and greeted the merchant with an expansive grin.

"Remember me?" the visitor inquired.

"I get your face, but not your name," replied the big tobacconist.

"Turner——" the visitor began, when Smith broke in with, "Sure, you're old Tom Turner, center fielder on the Spokane ball club in '91."

And so he was. For 15 minutes the air was agitated with reminiscences of the days, 35 years ago, when John S. Barnes bossed the famous Spokane baseball club. Turner explained that he was en route from his home in Aberdeen, Wash., to Butte and had stopped off just to see how many of the old-timers he knew here more than a third of a century ago were left.

Spokane Chronicle March 20, 1926

Name:	Thomas Turner						
Age:	52						
Birth Year:	abt 1868						
Birthplace:	Illinois						
Home in 1920:	Aberdeen Ward 6, Grays Harbor, Washington						
Street:	Simpson Ave						
House Number:	616						
Residence Date:	1920						
Race:	White						
Gender:	Male						
Relation to Head of House:	Head						
Marital status:	Married						
Spouse's name:	Phyllis Turner						
Father's Birthplace:	Missouri						
Mother's Birthplace:	Missouri						
Able to Speak English:	Yes						
Occupation:	Watchman						
Industry:	Ship Yard						
Employment Field:	Wage or Salary						
Home Owned or Rented:	Owned						
Home Free or Mortgaged:	Free						
Able to Read:	Yes						
Able to Write:	Yes						
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Gender:	Male				
Race:	White				
Birthplace:	Illinois				
Marital status:	Single				
Relation to Head of House:	Head				
Home in 1930:	Aberdeen, Grays Harbor, Washington, USA				
Map of Home:	View Map				
Street address:	East Market				
Ward of City:	Third Part				
House Number:	620				
Dwelling Number:	339				
Family Number:	437				
Father's Birthplace:	Missouri				
Mother's Birthplace:	Missouri				
Able to Speak English:	Yes				
Occupation:	Clerk				
Industry:	Poolroom				
Class of Worker:	Wage or salary worker				
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1930 Census

Spouse is Phyllis and parents born in Indiana per 1920 Census

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Phylis Cecelia <i>Rasico</i> Turner</h2> <p>BIRTH 8 Mar 1869 Vincennes, Knox County, Indiana, USA</p> <p>DEATH 6 Jun 1928 (aged 59) Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington, USA</p> <p>BURIAL Fern Hill Cemetery Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington, USA</p> <p>PLOT 32/17/4th</p> <p>MEMORIAL ID 157889442 · View Source</p> <p>SHARE + SAVE TO SUGGEST EDITS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL PHOTOS 1 FLOWERS 0</p> <p>Parents were Louis Rasico and Frances (Robinnaugh) Rasico according to marriage record to John Thomas Myers (aka Thomas Turner).</p>	<p>Name: Phylis Myers Turner</p> <hr/> <p>Gender: Female</p> <hr/> <p>Marital status: Married</p> <hr/> <p>Age: 58</p> <hr/> <p>Estimated birth year: abt 1870</p> <hr/> <p>Death Date: 6 Jun 1928</p> <hr/> <p>Death Place: Hoquiam, Grays Harbor, Washington</p> <hr/> <p>Father: Rasico</p> <hr/> <p>Mother: Robineoux</p> <hr/> <p>Spouse: Thomas</p> <hr/> <p>FHL Film Number: 2022479</p> <hr/> <p>Reference ID: 63</p>
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Name: Louis Rosico

Spouse Name: F Robins

Marriage Date: 17 Aug 1857

Marriage County: Knox

Indiana Marriage Index for parents of Phyllis Turner

J. T. Myers } 37 }
 To }
Miss Phyllis L. Myers } 37 } APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO WED.
 STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
 County of Chigahlis, } ss. I, *W. Kittrell* being first duly sworn, state that I am
 personally acquainted with *J. T. Myers of Hoquiam Wash.*
 and *Miss Phyllis L. Myers of Rainier, Ill.*
 and know them to be of legal age, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage. *W. Kittrell*
Seal County auditor behalve
County Washington
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this *6th*
 day of *Feb* A. D. 190*6*. By *R. G. Trask* Deputy Auditor.
 Filed this *6th* day of *Feb* A. D. 190*6*. By _____ Auditor.
 By _____ Deputy.

RECORD OF PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S CONSENT.

John Thomas Myers

BIRTH 13 Feb 1866
 Illinois, USA
DEATH 8 Sep 1936 (aged 70)
 Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington, USA
BURIAL Sunset Memorial Park
 Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington, USA
PLOT Section: 7 Block: Lot: 250 Grave: 1
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