

**Watts – Possibly Clarence V Watts
Davenport’s first game August 25, 1888**

Three amateurs played in Davenport’s first game, on August 25, 1888 in Des Moines: Leyden, Watts, and [George] Hupp.

DAVENPORT DROPPED IT.

THE NEW WESTERN ASSOCIATION CLUB BEGINS WITH A DEFEAT.

Des Moines Got Away with the Game by a Score of 16 to 7—Omaha Wollops the Minnesota Fellows at the Rate of 6 to 1—The Scores of the American Association Games—Von der Ahe Bounces Jim Gifford—Base-Ball Notes.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 25.—[Special.]—Davenport appeared here today for the first time in the Western Association and was greeted by a good audience. They had only six men, however, and the balance of the team was made up of Des Moines amateurs—Watts, Hupp, and Leyden. The home team played out of position on account of Stearns being laid up and Quinn having been sold to Boston. The game was decidedly rocky. The score:

Des Moines.					Davenport.						
R	B	P	A	E	R	B	P	A	E		
Holliday, lb.	1	3	8	0	0	Fisher, 2b....	2	2	3	3	1
Shaffer, r. f.	0	2	2	2	0	Moyer, s. s....	0	1	2	5	1
Macullar, s. s.	2	2	3	0	1	McCullom, 3b	2	2	3	5	2
Alvord, 2b....	3	2	4	2	1	Whitley, l. f.	1	2	2	0	0
Morton, 3b...	2	2	0	1	0	Klopf, lb....	0	1	12	1	0
Van Dyke, if	3	1	2	0	0	Watts, r. f....	1	1	0	0	1
Traffley, c. f.	1	1	0	0	0	Hupp, c.....	0	2	5	1	0
Smith, p.....	3	3	0	0	0	Leyden, c. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Sage, c.....	1	0	8	1	0	Stevens, p...	1	0	0	6	1
Totals.....	16	16	27	15	2	Totals.....	7	11	27	21	6

Des Moines..... 2 3 4 4 0 1 0 0 2—16
Davenport..... 1 0 0 0 2 2 2 0 0—7

Runs earned—Des Moines, 10; Davenport, 6. Two-base hit—Traffley. Three-base hits—Holliday, Morton, Fisher, McCullom. Double plays—Smith—Page-Holliday; Moyer—Fisher—Klopf. Struck out—By Smith, 6; by Stevens, 3. Bases on balls—By Smith, 3; by Stevens, 3. Passed balls—Sage, 1; Hupp, 4. Time of game—1:50. Umpire—Hagan.

Chicago Tribune August 26, 1888 pg 12

Des Moines, 16; Davenport, 7.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 25.—[Special.]—Of all the farces ever put up under the name of baseball the greatest was that today between Des Moines and Davenport. The latter club came here with six men and got three amateurs, Watt, Hupp and Leyden, to help them out. The score could have been 50 to nothing as well as what it was. Smith tossed the ball to them and if they hit it the home team let it go, while Des Moines, when at bat, would give the visitors every chance possible to put them out, sometimes not even starting for first after hitting the ball toward any player, and striking out after the fourth inning to hurry the game through. The score:

Des Moines					Davenport								
A	R	B	O	A	E	A	R	B	O	A	E		
Holliday, lb.	6	1	3	8	0	0	Fisher, 2b...	5	2	3	3	1	
Shaffer, r. f.	5	0	2	2	2	0	Moyer, ss...	5	0	1	2	5	1
Macullar, ss	6	2	2	3	0	1	McCullom, 3b	4	2	3	5	2	
Alvord, 2b...	4	3	3	4	2	1	Whitley, l. f.	1	1	2	2	0	0
Morton, 3b...	5	2	2	0	1	0	Klopf, lb....	5	0	1	12	1	0
Van Dyke, if	5	3	1	2	0	0	Watts, r. f....	5	1	1	0	0	1
Traffley, c. f.	3	1	1	0	0	0	Hupp, c.....	4	0	2	5	1	0
Smith, p.....	5	3	3	0	0	0	Leyden, c. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sage, c.....	4	1	0	8	1	0	Stevens, p...	4	1	0	0	6	1
Total.....	45	16	16	27	21	2	Total.....	37	7	11	27	21	6

Des Moines..... 2 3 4 4 0 1 0 0 2—16
Davenport..... 1 0 0 0 2 2 2 0 0—7

Earned runs—Des Moines, 10; Davenport, 6. Two-base hit—Traffley. Three-base hits—Holliday, Morton, Fisher, McCullom. Double plays—Smith, Sage and Holliday; Moyer, Fisher and Klopf. Struck out—By Smith, 6; by Stevens, 5. Bases on balls—By Smith, 3; by Stevens, 3. Passed balls—Sage, 1; Hupp, 3. Time, 1:50. Umpire, Hagan.

Minneapolis Star Tribune
August 26, 1888 pg 2

Box scores from the game of August 25, 1888 between Davenport and Des Moines. The Davenport papers that I have seen did not include a box score for the game, just a summary.
(Unfortunately, the Des Moines newspaper from this date is not available online.)

Dr. Clarence V. Watts, star athlete at Drake University, fits the profile of “Doc Watts” who pitched for Des Moines in 1889, and amateur Watts who pitched in Des Moines in 1887, 1888 and 1889.

MINNEAPOLIS, 9; DES MOINES, 5.
MINNEAPOLIS, July 11.—Special: In the Minneapolis-Des Moines game Hart started in to pitch for the visitors and in the first two innings was batted for two singles, two home runs and gave three bases on balls. These, with two errors, netted the home team six runs. Watts then came in from right field and pitched a good game. Devlin pitched a fair game for Minneapolis and was splendidly supported. The score:

MINNEAPOLIS.					DES MOINES.				
R.	H.	F.	A.	E.	R.	H.	F.	A.	E.
Minnehan, lb.	0	0	14	0	Maskrey, lf.	1	2	0	0
Drischel, lf.	2	2	0	0	Klusman, 2b.	1	1	2	1
Miller, 3b.	2	1	1	4	Whitely, cf.	0	0	1	0
Foster, cf.	1	1	1	0	Connell, 3b.	1	0	0	3
Hengle, 2b.	0	0	2	5	Trafley, c.	0	1	7	1
Devlin, p.	0	0	0	0	Smith, lb.	0	3	14	1
Hanrahan, ss.	1	2	1	2	Macullar, ss.	0	2	3	1
Duke, rf.	0	1	3	0	Hart & Watts, p.	1	1	0	3
Jantzen, c.	3	2	5	3	Cody, rf.	2	3	0	1
Totals	9	9	27	15	Total	6	13	27	30

Earned runs—Minneapolis, 8; Des Moines, 2. Two-base hit—Klusman. Home runs—Drischel, Jantzen 2.

Sioux City Journal July 12, 1889 pg 3

MINNEAPOLIS, 17; DES MOINES, 7.
MINNEAPOLIS, July 12.—Special: Minneapolis defeated Des Moines again yesterday. Watts pitched for the visitors, but was tired out from yesterday's game and was hit freely. Morrison started to pitch for Minneapolis, but was so wild that Mitchell was put in after the second inning and Des Moines failed to score with him in the box. Minneapolis played an excellent fielding game. The score:

MINNEAPOLIS.					DES MOINES.				
R.	H.	F.	A.	E.	R.	H.	F.	A.	E.
Minnehan, lb.	3	4	9	0	Maskrey, lf.	1	1	2	0
Drischel, lf.	3	2	2	1	Klusman, 2b.	1	1	2	1
Miller, 3b.	1	3	2	1	Whitely, cf.	2	2	3	1
Foster, cf.	1	1	2	0	Connell, 3b.	1	0	1	8
Hengle, 2b.	1	0	1	2	Cody, rf.	1	0	0	0
Mitchell, p.	1	1	0	1	Smith, lb.	0	0	13	1
Hanrahan, ss.	2	0	0	3	Macullar, ss.	0	0	1	2
Turner, rf.	3	2	0	1	Trafley, c.	0	1	6	0
Dugdale, c.	2	3	11	0	Watts, p.	1	2	1	4
Morrison, p.	0	7	0	0					
Totals	17	15	27	9	Total	7	7	27	15

Earned runs—Minneapolis, 7; Des Moines, 3. Two-base hit—Minnehan, Macullar. Three-base hit—Turner. Home runs—Minnehan, Drischel, Klusman, Whitely. Bases stolen—Minnehan, Drischel 4. Double plays—Hanrahan to Hengle to Minnehan, Whitely to Klusman. Bases on balls—Off Morrison, 5; off Mitchell, 3; off Watts, 6. Hit by pitcher—Hengle 2, Drischel, 3. Struck out—By Watts, 6; Morrison, 1; Mitchell, 8. Passed ball—Dugdale 2, Trafley 3, Cody 1. Wild pitches—Mitchell, 2; Watts, 2. Time of game—2:30. Umpire—Clark.

Sioux City Journal July 13, 1889 pg 3

DID IT AGAIN.
Des Moines Done Up by Minneapolis Yesterday Afternoon.
 Tall "Doc" Watts went in the box for Des Moines yesterday and proved that, like the large majority of pitchers, he couldn't pitch two good games in two consecutive days. Morrison was on the card to pitch for the home team, and tried it one inning. A single, three

St. Paul Globe July 13, 1889 pg 5

Des Moines Cutting Down Expenses.
DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 8—[Special.]—Manager Macullar today released Pitchers Hennessey and Smith, Fielder Whitely and Second Baseman Klusman. This leaves but 11 men including Phelan, who has nearly recovered from a broken shoulder, and Watts, an amateur. This was done to cut down expenses and hold the team together until the close of the season, although owners will lose.

Minneapolis Star Tribune August 8, 1889 pg 2

In 1889, "Doc" Watts (watts-001doc) pitched two games for Des Moines.
The Des Moines newspapers for 1891 are not available online.

Who is Watts, a local Des Moines amateur?

The following is the Drake University club in their batting order as they will play Newton this afternoon: C. Watts, r. f.; M. E. Daily, l. f.; C. C. Dowell, c.; Nelson Royal, 2d b.; F. A. Ross, p.; F. Millard, s. s.; A. J. Jones, 1st b.; S. W. Karr, c. f.; A. B. Parker, 2d b.

Des Moines Register June 16, 1887 pg 8

Watts, pitcher for the Drakes, struck out fifteen men and but four hits were made off of his delivery. The Grinnell pitchers, Ward and Kemper, were hit for nine singles, a double, a triple and a home run; and struck out six men. Errors were numerous. The score by innings:

Drake University	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	11	—18
Iowa College	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	—5

Des Moines Register May 6, 1888 pg 12

A player named Watts was with Drake University in 1887 and 1888

To close the afternoon's festivities will be the championship game between the two "Goat Hill" teams, led by Davy Force and Tim Brosnan, "The Brooklyn Giants." The teams will be made up in position as follows:

Sutcliffe.....	Catcher.....	Sage
Hutchison.....	Pitcher.....	Clark
Werden.....	First Base.....	Stearns
Brosnan.....	Second Base.....	Force
Van Dyke.....	Third Base.....	Alvord
Wells.....	Short Stop.....	Morton
Bittle.....	Left Field.....	Watts
Whiteley.....	Center Field.....	Holliday
Werrall.....	Right Field.....	Chase

Every citizen should be present this after-

Des Moines Register October 15, 1887 pg 6

BOUND TO WIN SOMETHING.

THE BLUES TAKE AN EXHIBITION GAME FROM DES MOINES.

The Same Old Story From Cincinnati—The Cowboys Taken Into Camp by the Score of 10 to 1—Bad Fielding Causes the Defeat—Des Moines Beaten 9 to 5 in a Very Uninteresting Game—St. Louis, Cleveland and the Athletics Better Their Averages at the Expense of Louisville, Baltimore and Brooklyn—Standing of the Clubs—A Player Killed by a Pitched Ball—General Sporting News.

Kid Nichols appeared in the box for the blues yesterday, and except in the fifth inning was a perfect riddle to the batsmen of the crippled Des Moines team. Watts, a Des Moines amateur with good speed, fair curves and a cool head, was in the box for the visitors, and pitched a nice game, but received the most miserable kind of support. It is very little to the credit of the home team that

The score was:

KANSAS CITY BLUES.									
	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.		
Long, rf.....	4	3	1	2	5	0	0		
Manning, cf.....	5	3	4	2	0	0	0		
Bradley, lf.....	5	0	0	1	2	0	0		
Johnson, 3b.....	5	1	2	0	1	0	0		
Lunge, ss.....	5	0	1	0	0	2	0		
Cartwright, 1b.....	5	1	0	0	11	0	0		
Ardner, 2b.....	5	0	0	0	3	3	3		
Gunson, c.....	4	1	0	0	5	3	2		
Nichols, p.....	3	0	0	0	0	10	0		
Total.....	41	9	8	5	27	18	5		

DES MOINES.									
	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.		
Shafer, rf.....	3	2	1	0	3	0	1		
Kennedy, cf. and lb.....	4	1	1	0	3	0	0		
Stearns, lb and cf.....	4	1	1	0	15	1	2		
Macculiar, 2b.....	3	1	1	0	0	2	1		
Allison, ss.....	4	0	0	0	1	4	1		
Martin, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	1		
Van Dyke, lf.....	4	0	1	1	2	0	0		
Watts, p.....	4	0	0	0	0	9	1		
Hupp, c.....	3	0	0	0	3	2	2		
Total.....	33	5	5	1	27	20	9		
Kansas City.....	3	0	0	3	0	2	1	0-9	
Des Moines.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0-5	

Earned runs—Kansas City 3, Des Moines 2.
 Two base hits—Long, Shafer, Van Dyke,
 Three base hits—Manning, Johnson 2, Stearns.
 First base on balls—Shafer, Macculiar, Nichols.
 Struck out—Watts 3, Hupp 2, Allison, Van Dyke,
 Ardner, Johnson 2, Manning, Cartwright.
 Hit by pitcher—Long
 Wild pitches—Nichols 1, Watts 1.
 Passed balls—Gunson 2, Hupp 3.
 Time of game—1:55.
 Umpire—Jake Wells.

Kansas City Times July 23, 1888 pg 2

(Exhibition game)

Watts was known to the players with Des Moines in 1887 and 1888

Dr. Watts Dies In St. Louis

Dr. Clarence V. Watts, 76, Des Moines dentist, died Monday at St. Louis, Mo., after collapsing on a street there.

Dr. Watts, who lived at the Des Moines club many years, was on his way to Mexico City for an indefinite stay, according to his secretary, Emma A. Weisgerber of Des Moines. His offices are at 315 K. P. building.

Miss Weisgerber said he was not married and had no close relatives.

Dr. Watts, former star athlete at Drake university, had traveled extensively. He had made five or six pleasure trips to Europe, China, Japan and Africa.

A press dispatch from St. Louis stated papers found on his person indicated he had purchased more than \$100,000 in war bonds.

WATTS RITES WEDNESDAY

Services will be at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Dunn funeral home for Dr. Clarence V. Watts, 76, Des Moines dentist and traveler. Burial will be at Woodland cemetery.

Dr. Watts died Monday at St. Louis, Mo., after collapsing on a street car.

Des Moines Tribune
Monday July 26, 1943 pg 1

Des Moines Register July 27, 1943 pg 7

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At one time he was an oars-
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vania. He played
football and
baseball and in a
very creditable
manner, his
friends say.

He also was a
boxer of some
note. He took
great delight in
lowering profes-
sional pugs to
the canvas,
which he did
many times.

Thus it is not
strange that he,
Dr. Clarence V.
Watts, dentist,
should be intense-
ly interested in sports.

But he no longer occupies the
role of star. He's a spectator
now and what a spectator.

He has attended the Olympic



DR. C. V. WATTS.

DRAKE CONCERT

**Three Faculty Memb
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Three musicians, will
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Paul Stoye, pianist v
trio, has appeared in va

Name: Clarence V. Watts

Residence Year: 1889, 1890

Residence Place: Des Moines, Iowa, USA

Business Name: J. Watts

Business Address: 650 W 18th

Occupation: Dental Student

WATTS CLARENCE V,
 Dentist over Iowa Natl Bank, 4th, ne
 cor Walnut, res 650 18th.
 Watts D. E. Vincent portrait artist. 8

City Directory for Des Moines 1896



Clarence V Watts

BIRTH	1867
DEATH	Jul 1943 (aged 75-76)
BURIAL	Woodland Cemetery Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, USA
PLOT	Block: 15 Section: Lot: 00240
MEMORIAL ID	30602295 · View Source

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Clarence V Watts

Rowe-Bowie-Robertson--
 Musil-(Sukovsky-Sukovic)-
 Krebs

Spouse:

Father: Jackson (Doctor) Watts

Mother: Sarah Ann Bell

Children:

Birth: 10 Feb 1867 Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA

Death: Jul 1943 Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA

Residence: 1920 Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA

Clarence V Watts

BIRTH 10 FEB 1867 • Des Moines, Iowa
 DEATH JULY 1943

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Birth

10 Feb 1867 • Des Moines, Iowa

11 Sources

Residence

1880 • Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA

Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head: Son

1 Source

Sources

Ancestry Sources

1880 United States Federal Census

1910 United States Federal Census

1920 United States Federal Census

Family

Parents

Jackson Watts
1840-1897

Sarah A Watts
1845-1916

Spouse

Unknown Spouse